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OF

THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Common Council

OF THE

CITY OF DETROIT,

FROM

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JOURNAL OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

COMMON COUNCIL.

DETROIT, Tuesday, March 14, 1854.

THE NEW BOARD.

The Mayor elect, Hon. O. M. Hyde, appeared, and having been sworn in by Hon. John H. Harmon, took his seat.

Wm. A. Cook, Esq., Recorder elect, appeared and was sworn by the Hon. Geo. V. N. Lothrop.

The following gentlemen, Aldermen elect, appeared and having been sworn by the Clerk took their seats—

From the 1st Ward, Wm. C. Duncan.

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| " | 2 | " | E. A. Lansing. |
| " | 3 | " | I. W. Ingersoll. |
| " | 4 | " | Isaac Finehart. |
| " | 5 | " | H. H. Leroy. |
| " | 6 | " | W. W. Wilcox. |
| " | 7 | " | Edward Doyle. |
| " | 8 | " | Francis Mayhew. |

The Hon. O. M. Hyde then addressed the Council as follows:

Gentlemen of the Common Council, and Fellow Citizens:

Having been chosen by the people of this beautiful and growing city to preside over this body, it is but proper, in entering upon the responsible duties thus confided to me, that I should return to you and them my sincere and grateful acknowledgments for the distinguished honor, and for the confidence it implies.

For sixteen years I have been a constant and careful observer of the great changes and improvements that have been going on, year after year, until Detroit has grown up from a small and insignificant town to a large, wealthy, and flourishing city, with a prospect full of hope and promise.

It will be my earnest wish and my chief study to promote, by every means in my power, this promise of future prosperity, and the general interests of the people.

Upon you, gentlemen of the Common Council, selected as my associates in the city government, I shall (as I know I can) rely with implicit confidence to aid me to the whole extent of your abilities in the furtherance of every measure designed to promote the public good.

We have a most responsible and important trust committed to our keeping—a trust, gentlemen, that we should all strive honorably and faithfully to discharge. Those who have placed us here will exact from us the strictest official integrity and the most careful watchfulness of their interests. This they have a right to demand, and this the obligation we now have assumed and our own honor re-

quire of us. It cannot be doubted that our acts as members of this board will have an immediate and lasting influence upon the interests of our fellow citizens, and the future welfare of our city.

It is for us, gentlemen, to decide whether that influence shall be for evil or for good. I have no fears, my fellow associates, but what we shall always be found acting in harmony for the general good of the citizens of Detroit, or that any party or sectional feeling will spring up, to swerve us from our duty to our constituents, or from acting honestly and justly upon every subject that may come before us.

It will be my constant aim to exclude from our deliberations that fearful cause of strife, (mere party action,) and I feel confident that you will cordially unite with me in avoiding all difficulty from that source.

The interests of our citizens never fail to suffer when partisan sympathies are allowed to govern, or in any way exert a controlling influence over our actions. Let us, therefore, one and all resolve, that every consideration except the general good of those whose agents we are, be avoided.

As for myself, gentlemen, I shall make but few promises. I can only say to my fellow citizens here assembled, and assure the citizens of Detroit, that as they have seen fit to confer upon me the distinguished honor of Mayor of this city, and presiding officer of this board, I will endeavor to do my duty to the best of my ability, and above all with fidelity and zeal, and with a grateful remembrance of those who have so kindly confided to me this important trust.

That I shall receive your united aid in my efforts for the public welfare, and especially that I shall be sustained in my efforts to preserve good order and decorum, I have the best assurance. To those of you who have been members of this body for the past year I shall look for advice as well as assistance, for, upon your experience and the co-operation of all of you, I must mainly rely for the successful and satisfactory performance of my duty as your presiding officer; and upon our co-operation with each other, and our disregard of every personal and selfish consideration, will depend the success with which we shall discharge our obligations to our constituents, and the degree of approval we shall receive from them when we retire from office.

Permit me again, therefore, to remind you of the great importance and responsibility of the duties we have this day entered upon. Let us all pledge ourselves to use all honesty, fidelity, and zeal in the discharge of our several duties, and to lay aside all party and personal views.

If we do this, we shall establish for the city an economical government, diminish the burthen of the tax-payers, correct public abuses, and avoid all just cause of complaint. We can then retire from our offices with the approval of our own consciences, and be sure to receive the approbation of our fellow citizens.

The rules of the last Council were adopted for the ensuing year.

PETITIONS.

Of Aaron Fisher, for permission to connect a drain from lot No. 12, sec. No. 9, with the public sewer in Miami avenue. Granted under direction of Surveyor.

Of Wm. Jones, to be appointed Scavenger. He was appointed.

Of Alex. Paton and John Bolger, to enter sewer on corner of Cass street and Mich. Avenue. Granted under direction of Surveyor.

Of Daniel Sullivan and others, for a certain sewer. Referred to committee on sewers.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Of Robert Reaume, resigning his office of Assessor of 2d District.

Resignation accepted, and

On motion of Alderman Fisher,

Resolved, That John Reno be, and he is hereby appointed Assessor of the second Assessment District of the city of Detroit, in the place of Robert Reaume, resigned.

The City Attorney respectfully reports that an ejectment suit is pending between the University of Michigan and the city, having been commenced last spring. The property in question is situated east of Bates street, and commonly known as the University lot. The cause is noticed for trial at the next term of the Circuit Court, and will probably be tried before the expiration of my term of office. As it is a suit of considerable magnitude, I feel it to be my duty to ask permission to employ assistant counsel.

J. B. WITHEBELL, City Att'y.

Adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

Gentlemen: In obedience to a resolution passed by your Hon. body, instructing the City Surveyor to make a survey and estimate of a sewer four feet in diameter in the clear, and connecting with the first and fifth Wards sewer at the junction of Second street and Michigan Avenue, thence along Second street to the northern line of Grand River road, I herewith report a survey, profile and estimate of the same. The expense of constructing said sewer would be \$3,000. In my opinion it would not be expedient to construct said sewer, as the greater portion of it would be entirely too shallow for cellar drainage, for which it is most needed; and I would further remark that a portion of it, the top ranges from 1½ to 3 feet below the surface of the earth, therefore rendering it subject to be injured by the frost. In consequence of the inconveniences attending the same, and feeling the necessity of having a sewer to carry off the water from the above mentioned part of the city, I have made a survey of a sewer commencing at the South curb of Woodbridge street, in a line with the centre of Fourth street, thence along Fourth street to Porter street, thence along Porter street to Second street, and thence along Second street to the Northern curb of the Grand River road, which sewer would answer for surface as well as cellar drainage. The expense of constructing said sewer would be \$9,000. I would therefore recommend that the latter mentioned sewer be constructed in preference to the former.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, March 14th, 1854.

Referred to committee on Sewers.

The Clerk reported various official bonds, which were referred to a committee consisting of the Auditor, Recorder, and Aldermen Hull and Leroy.

The Council then adjourned.

H. S. ROBERTS, Clerk.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
DETROIT, February 11, 1854. }

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RE-

ceived at this office until Saturday, the 1st day of April next, at 12 o'clock, M., for furnishing materials and executing the grading and paving, curbing and cross-walking, of so much of the streets and alleys as may be directed to be paved during the year 1854, by the Common Council, within the district bounded on the east by the east line of Beaubien street, on the west by the west line of Cass street, on the north by Jefferson avenue, and on the south by Detroit River.

The surface of said paving, when completed, to correspond with the grade established or to be established for said streets or alleys.

The sand or gravel used in said work to be of the best quality of bank sand or gravel, not mixed with clay or loam; to be of such depth below the stones, as will make the stone and sand, when the paving is completed, at least eighteen inches deep.

The stones used in said work shall be hard, firm boulders of cobble stone; not less than four inches in depth, and not more than ten inches in diameter in any direction. Stones of a similar size shall be placed together and closely paved in and upon sand or gravel, resting on their small ends, and not on their sides or edges.

The Common Council reserve the right to authorize the paving to be done with quarry stones of a quality not inferior to those used by the Messrs. French on Jefferson avenue, in 1852; said quarry stone to be hewn, or broken, or squared, in such a manner as to be from two to five inches in thickness, from four to twelve inches in width, and from seven to eight inches in depth; to be laid in courses of corresponding thickness, as nearly as may be, breaking joints, and in and upon sand and gravel, of a depth and in the manner, as near as may be, specified for cobble stone.

When the pavement is completed, it shall be examined and approved by such committee or officer as the Common Council may authorize for that purpose, after which (and not before) it shall be covered with sand to the depth of two inches before it is accepted.

All curb stones set along the sides of the streets, shall be not less than thirty inches long, where stones of that length can be used; not less than eighteen inches in depth, and not less than three inches in thickness; and the same shall be hammered and dressed similar to those now laid on the paved portions of Jefferson and Woodward avenues; said curb stones to be laid down and set in upon sand, in a proper manner, wherever required.

Cross walks shall be laid wherever the proper officer shall direct, and the flags or stones used shall be not less than eighteen inches in width, from two to four feet in length, and from five to six inches in depth.

Payment for the above work will be made as soon as the assessments levied or to be levied by the Common Council for that purpose are collected, after the completion of the work, and not before; separate assessments being made for each block of from three hundred to five hundred feet in length; twenty per cent. upon all work accepted will be withheld until the final completion of contract.

The Common Council reserve the right to accept or reject any or all of said bids or proposals. All further information may be obtained on application at this office.

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AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
DETROIT, March 22, 1854. }

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR DOING THE

City Printing and publishing for one year, will be received at this office until Tuesday, the 28th day of March, inst. The work to be done according to specifications on file in this office. The Council reserve the right to accept or reject any or all of the proposals.

By order of the Common Council.

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AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

ANNUAL STATEMENT of the City Auditor relative to the financial condition of the City of Detroit, March 14, 1854.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

In presenting to your honorable body my fourth annual financial statement, I have the pleasure of announcing a reduction of the city debt, amounting to \$11,154 28, as shown below, to wit:

Aggregate indebtedness reported March 15, 1853	\$340,205 11
Add amount of Joseph Campau's claim for damages, awarded him by verdict of Jury, in October, 1832, for widening Griswold street from Jefferson Avenue to Larned street, paid by order of the Council during the past year,	2,160 00

Real indebtedness March 15, 1853,	\$342,365 11
INDEBTEDNESS MARCH 14, 1854.	

Bonds outstanding, aside from those held by the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, and cash to the credit of said Fund,	\$328,366 15
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WARRANTS ISSUED PREVIOUS TO MAY 15, 1850.

Unpaid claims allowed during the year ending at date, for which no funds are provided, to wit,	\$1,136 46
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Fire Department,	\$712 84
General Road Fund,	60 57
Road District, No. 1,	469 31
Do do " 3,	241 09
Do do " 4,	28 09
Do do " 5,	57 95
Do do " 6,	93 14
Do do " 7,	46 22
	\$1,709 22

Indebtedness at date,	\$331,219 83
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We have also bonds from individuals for balance due for the purchase of lots sold by the city, and which belong to the sinking fund, as follows:

John B. Long, balance \$2,35 00, and interest from May 7, 1853,	
A. E. Mather, balance 5,020 00, and interest from April 9, 1853,	
P. Henkel, balance \$1,120 00, and interest from April 9, 1853,	
E. Macdonald, balance \$1,120 00, and interest from April 9, 1853,	
C. O'Flynn, balance \$2,400 00, and interest from April 9, 1853,	\$9,895 00

Balance of debt unprovided for at date,	\$321,315 83
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It appears, therefore, that we have reduced the aggregate liabilities, in four years, from the sum of \$383,384 82 (including the old claims existing previous to March 15, 1850, which have been liquidated since that period) to the sum of \$321,315 83—total reduction, \$62,068 99.

We have expended in the same time for the purchase and construction of public works \$67,852—the means to pay for which have been raised by general tax. Paving of streets, amounting to about \$120,000, has been executed during the same period, which has been paid by assessment upon the property fronting upon the streets paved.

BALANCE SHEET OF LEGER, MARCH 14, 1854.

	Debit balance.	Credit balance.
City Treasurer,	\$13,768 90	
Contingent Fund,		\$114 07
Fire Department Fund,	712 84	
Interest Fund,		7,495 31
Sinking Fund,		734 06
Sewer Fund,		209 97
Mayor's Court Fund,	441 80	

General Road Fund,	60 57	
Road District No. 1 Fund,	469 32	
Do do do 2 do		158 52
Do do do 3 do	241 09	
Do do do 4 do	28 09	
Do do do 5 do	57 95	
Do do do 6 do	93 14	
Do do do 7 do	46 22	
Do do do 8 do		37 42
Repair of the Eighth Ward Sewer Fund,		473 98
Brush Street Sewer Fund,		231 98
Grand Sewer Outlet Fund,		420 75
Unpaid Claims Allowed Fund,		2,819 60
Board of Education Fund,		22 29
Redemption Account Fund,		5 48
Street Lamp Fund,		234 76
Randolph, Russell, Sixth and Middle Street Sewers Fund,		2,971 70
	\$15,919 92	\$15,919 92

STATEMENT OF DEBITS AND CREDITS TO THE CITY FUNDS FROM MARCH 15, 1853, TO MARCH 14, 1854.

Contingent Fund.

Debits—Balance March 15, 1853,	\$2,334 55
John Leddy, for filling lot 14, sec. 23, Dequindre Farm, to abate nuisance,	90 48
Daniel Munger, for extra services for year ending April 3, 1853,	200 00
James B. Witherell, for extra services for year ending April 3, 1853,	200 00
Expenses of elections,	448 00
Assessing taxes and making tax rolls,	1,117 50
Repair of Cemetery fences and streets,	81 64
Repair of City Hall and Markets,	661 72
New furniture for Council room,	368 18
New hay-scales and drain,	245 50
State, City and Ward maps,	52 00
Insurance, Express charges, Recording deeds, etc.,	109 96
Killing dogs and burying dead animals,	181 62
Contingent expenses and office furniture,	205 65
Blank books and Stationery,	178 06
Printing and advertising in "American,"	493 67
Printing and advertising in "German,"	163 42
Salaries of officers, and for labor,	6,193 84
Special Police Service,	174 04
Police for State Fair,	72 00
Gas for Street Lamps and City Hall,	2,840 72
Old due-bills cancelled,	13 89
Appropriation for improvement of Grand Circus,	275 00
Appropriation for support of City Poor,	4,091 98
Silver Stars for the Police,	40 00
Jail fees, and board of prisoners sentenced by Mayor's Court,	281 73
Joseph Campau, for enlarging Griswold street, between Jefferson Avenue and Larned street, as per award of jury in Oct. 1832,	2,160 00

Refunding erroneous assessments and tax sales,	16 93	Supplies for engine companies,	320 48
Fifty copies Johnstone's Directory, and taking the census in 1853,	162 50	Contingencies,	31 71
Expenses of Railroad Jubilee,	4,329 90	Repairs of Reservoirs,	16 52
		Night fire watch,	75 62
			\$4,279 59
Credit balance carried to new account \$114 07,	\$27,784 48	CITY POOR FUND.	
Credits---Licenses, Drays	\$72 00	Debits---Sexton for interring 54 adults and 29 children,	372 00
do Cabs,	199 00	Hospital for care of sick,	938 00
do Concerts and exhibitions,	662 00	Disbursements by Director of the Poor,	1,954 36
do Scavenger,	1 00	Salaries of Director of the Poor and City Physician,	800 00
do Selling meat by the quarter and in shops,	592 66	Surgical services and contingencies,	27 62
Rent of stalls in meat markets,	3,157 50		\$4,091 98
do Huckster benches and stands,	253 26	Credit---Appropriation from Contingent Fund,	4,091 98
do Hay scales,	206 25	SEWER FUND.	
do City Hall and for gas used therein,	72 00	Credits---Balance March 15, 1853,	\$259 91
do Foot of Riopelle street,	10 00	Tax of 1853 collected,	1,541 00
do do Orleans do	10 00		\$1,800 91
do do Woodward ave,	133 32	Debits---Salary of Superintendent,	441 00
Redemption of lots sold city for taxes,	59 03	M. Henderson for extra work on Bloody Run ditch,	100 00
Sales do do do	10 47	Bridging Bloody Run ditch,	150 71
do for delinquent taxes,	871 14	Repairs of sundry sewers,	451 45
Delinquent taxes collected,	446 64	Appropriation to complete Bloody Run ditch and embankment thereon,	223 16
Tax leases,	10 00	Appropriation to complete Riopelle street sewer,	189 90
Sale of lot 14, sec 23, Dequindre Farm for expenses of abating nuisance,	92 48	Manhole castings in Pavements over sewers,	29 72
do Lots in Cemetery,	30 00	Credit balance to new account,	209 97
do Grass do	25 00		\$1,800 91
John Warren on old account,	5 08	REPAIR OF EIGHTH WARD SEWER FUND.	
Taxes of 1853,	20,000 73	Credits---Balance March 15, 1853,	\$505 73
Sale of old posts,	5 75	Debits---Repairs,	31 75
Erroneous return in 1848, corrected by M. Salter,	2 25	Credit balance to new account,	473 98
Vegetable market rents in year ending March, 1853,	437 80		\$505 73
Costs on side walks assessments, T. Mayberry, balance of M. Dulles's defalcation,	13 05	BRUSH STREET SEWER FUND.	
Vegetable market rents in year ending March, 1854,	503 13	Credits---Balance March 15, 1853,	231 98
	\$27,898 55	BLOODY RUN DITCH FUND.	
Fire Department.		Credits---Balance March 15, 1853,	\$350 00
Credits---Balance March 15, 1853,	\$166 75	Tax of 1853 collected,	800 00
Tax of 1853 collected,	3,400 00	Appropriation from Sewer Fund,	223 16
Debit balance to new account,	712 84		\$1,378 16
	\$4,279 59	Debits---M. Henderson on old contract,	350 00
Debits---Salary of Chief Engineer,	\$300 00	Charles Kee do do	775 00
New hydrants,	126 07	Damages awarded by Jury for right of way and fees of Jury,	216 00
New ladders, truck, wheels, hooks, etc.,	176 63	Bridging,	11 66
New bell for engine house, No. 8,	43 75	Embankment and dam at Pontiac Road,	25 50
New hose,	896 44		\$1,378 16
New house for engine company No. 2,	800 00	RIOPELLE STREET SEWER.	
Wood, and making fires in engine houses,	187 61	Credits---Balance March 15, 1853,	\$480 24
Ring fire alarms,	90 00	Tax of 1853 collected,	3,400 00
Painting engines and hose carts Nos. 5 and 6	117 00	Appropriat'n from Sewer Fund,	189 90
Repairs of engine houses and engines,	746 96	Debits---Rebuilding pools,	\$37 08
do do do No. 7,	190 00	Contractor for rebuilding sewer,	4,033 06
do do do hose,	157 80		\$4,070 14
		GRAND SEWER OUTLET IN FIRST STREET.	
		Credit---Balance March 15, 1853,	\$630 24

Debit ---Allowed W. Howell, contract- or, Oct. 25, 1853,	209 49
Credit balance to new account,	\$420 75
SEWERS IN RANDOLPH, SIXTH, MIDDLE AND RUSSELL STREETS.	
Credit ---Tax of 1853 collected,	\$17,000 00
Debit ---Amount paid to Moors & Jackson, contractors, on acc't of sewers constructed in Ran- dolph, Sixth and Middle sts.,	\$14,028 30
Credit balance to new account	\$2,971 70
INTEREST FUND.	
Credits ---Balance in Treasury March 15, 1853,	\$6,773 73
Tax of 1853 collected,	23,393 20
	\$30,166 93
Debits ---Amount interest paid and re- ported by City Treasurer,	22,681 62
Credit balance to pay interest becoming due in April, May and June,	\$7,485 31
REDEMPTION ACCOUNT.	
Credits ---Balance in Treasury March 15, 1853,	5 93
Received for redeeming lots from sale for taxes,	40 76
	\$46 69
Debits ---For refunding to purchasers of lots sold for taxes,	41 21
Credit balance to new account,	\$5 48
SINKING FUND.	
Credits ---By balance in Treasury March 15, 1853,	869 33
By cash received for new bonds issued,	\$19,817 75
By cash received on Berthelet market lots contracts,	2,130 48
By cash received on bond and mortgage,	300 00
By cash received for tax of 1853,	5,000 00
By cash received for interest on bonds held by Trustees,	425 00
By cash received for interest on deposits in Michigan State Bank,	1,086 20
	\$29,628 83
Debits ---Amount paid for city bonds cancelled,	\$19,298 28
Amount paid Trustees for purchase of bonds,	9,596 49
Credit balance to new account,	734 06
	\$29,628 83
STREET LAMP FUND.	
Credits ---By balance in Treasury March 15, 1853,	720 96
By tax of 1853 collected,	1,875 00
	\$2,595 96
Debits ---For 99 lamp posts, For setting 67 lamp posts and the fixtures, and for re-set- ting 7 lamp posts,	736 93
For 77 street lamps and 6 dock lamps,	384 20
For glazing and repairs,	37 07
Credit balance to new account,	234 76
	\$2,595 96

GENERAL ROAD FUND.	
Credits ---By balance in Treasury March 15, 1853,	81
By Tax of 1853 collected,	9,777 00
By redemption of lots sold for side walks,	33 10
	\$9,810 91
Debit balance to new account,	60 57
Debits ---Amount paid for grading and paving streets and avenues, Amount paid for side and cross walks in front of city property,	110 89
Amount paid for damages in changing grade of Larned street,	100 00
Amount paid for culverts in paved streets,	586 43
Amount paid for grading side walks,	132 85
Amount paid for expenses of Juries in vacating grades,	36 38
Amount paid for lumber and repair of walks,	107 02
Amount paid for repairs of paving and removing earth therefrom,	21 00
	\$9,871 48
Road District No. 1.	
Debits ---Balance due from fund March 15, 1853,	144 34
Filling at the foot of Cass street, Cleaning pavements at cross streets,	242 20
Walk across gutters on paved streets, and repairing walks,	72 00
Labor on streets,	843 08
	\$1,451 62
Credit ---Tax of 1853 collected,	982 30
Debit balance to new account,	469 32
Road District No. 2.	
Credit ---Balance in Treasury March 15, 1853,	36 50
Tax of 1853 collected,	1,093 44
	\$1,129 94
Debits ---Cleaning pavements at cross streets,	473 12
Walk across gutters on paved streets, and repairing walks,	28 94
Repaving alley between Gris- wold street and Woodward Avenue,	100 00
Grading alleys and side walks,	97 62
Labor on streets,	271 74
Credit balance to new account,	158 52
	\$1,129 94
Road District No. 3.	
Debits ---Balance due from fund March 15, 1853,	93 96
Filling Randolph street, Cleaning pavements at cross streets,	40 00
Grading for side walks,	99 89
Lumber and labor on streets,	22 00
	258 55
	\$514 40
Credits ---Delinquent tax of 1852 col- lected,	74
Taxes of 1853 collected,	272 57
Debit balance to new account,	241 09
	\$514 40

<i>Road District No. 4.</i>	
<i>Debits</i> ---Balance due from fund March 15, 1854,	35 34
Cleaning paved streets at crossings,	39 20
Labor on streets, and repairs,	263 05
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	\$337 59
<i>Credits</i> ---Delinquent taxes collected, Taxes of 1853 do	9 29
Debit balance to new account,	300 21
	28 09
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	\$337 59

<i>Road District No. 5</i>	
<i>Debits</i> ---Balance due from fund March 15, 1853,	67 21
Cleaning pavements at cross streets,	24 70
Walk across gutters on paved streets, and culverts,	11 96
Labor on streets and lumber for bridges,	376 00
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	\$479 87
<i>Credits</i> ---Taxes of 1853 collected, Delinquent taxes of 1851 and 1852,	417 87
Debit balance to new account,	4 05
	57 95
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	\$479 87

<i>Road District No. 6.</i>	
<i>Debits</i> ---Balance due from fund March 15, 1853,	95 69
Cleaning pavements at cross streets,	24 70
Walks across gutters, repair of walks and culverts,	23 11
Labor on streets,	415 81
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	\$559 31
<i>Credits</i> ---Tax of 1853 collected, Delinquent tax of 1851 and 1852,	462 01
Debit balance to new account,	4 16
	93 14
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	\$559 31

<i>Road District No. 7.</i>	
<i>Debits</i> ---Balance due from fund March 15, 1853,	58 66
Cleaning pavement at cross streets,	9 26
Cross walks and culverts,	47 64
Labor on streets.	221 99
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	\$337 55
<i>Credits</i> ---Tax of 1853 collected, Delinquent tax of 1851-2,	288 05
Debit balance to new account	3 28
	46 22
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	\$337 54

<i>Road District No. 8.</i>	
<i>Credits</i> ---Balance in Treasury March 15, 1853,	12 11
Tax of 1853 collected,	363 36
Delinquent taxes of 1851-2,	12 89
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	\$388 36
<i>Debits</i> ---Grading Holden Road, Opening ditches, repairing bridges, walks and culverts, Lumber and labor on streets,	20 00
Credit balance to new account,	12 42
	318 49
	37 45
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	\$388 36

Paving Account.
Credits---By balance in Treasury March

15, 1853,	321 97
By amount transferred from General Road Fund	8,776 91
By amount received on assessments,	52,611 13
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	\$61,710 01
<i>Debit</i> ---Amount Samuel French, contractor, Improvement of the Grand Circus.	\$61,710 01
<i>Credit</i> ---Tax of 1853, Transfer from contingent fund	\$1,500 00
	275 00
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	\$1,775 00
<i>Debits</i> ---Expended by committee for grading, fencing, setting out trees, etc,	1,775 00
AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.	

COMMON COUNCIL.

DETROIT, Tuesday, March 21, 1854.
The Council met at 7 o'clock, and was called to order by the Mayor, Hon. O. M. HYDE.
Present, the Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.
The Mayor announced the following
STANDING COMMITTEES.
Ways and Means—Aldermen Lansing, Doyle and Barclay.
Markets—Finehart, Mayhew and Duncan.
Gas Lights—Leroy, Duncan and Barclay.
Hydraulics—Craig, Patton and Doyle.
Health—Hull, Lansing and Fischer.
Sewers—Ingersoll, Martin and Finehart.
Fire Department—Patton, Leroy and Lansing.
Streets—Wilcox, Barclay and Leroy.
Printing—Collins, Hull and Wilcox.
Taxes—Martin, Craig and Mayhew.
Claims—Barclay, Collins and Lyon.
Licenses—Fischer, Lyon and Ingersoll.

PETITIONS.

Of J. H. Harmon and others, for an appropriation for the improvement of Centre Park. Referred to Committee on Streets.
Of J. W. Moore and others, for a sewer up Rivard street, from Congress street to the Fort Gratiot road. Referred to Committee on Sewers.
Of John Bolger and others, for an appropriation for the improvement of West Park. Referred to Committee on Streets.
Of James Abbott, for permission to drain into the public sewer from lots 107 and 108, sec. 3, G. & J. plan. Granted, under the supervision of the Surveyor.
Of Alex. Chapaton, for permission to excavate earth in front of Chandler and Baldwin's Block, on Woodward Avenue, and also for use of street for building purposes. Granted.
Of Henry Rave, for permission to remove building on lot in fire limits. Referred to Committee on Fire Department. (See report.)
Of Abijah Joy and others, for sewer in Beach street. Referred to Committee on Sewers.
Of Wm. Amrhein and others, for a sewer on Rivard street, from Catherine street to Detroit river. Referred to Committee on Sewers.
Of O. Newberry and others, for sewer from Michigan Avenue, down Shelby street, to the large sewer between Congress and Larned streets. Referred to Committee on Sewers.
Sundry petitions for the vacating of the City Cemetery on Russell street. Referred to the Committee on Health.
Of Wm. Sowersby, for permission to connect a

drain with public sewer from lot 5, west side Woodward Avenue. Granted, under supervision of the Surveyor.

Of Geo. Miller and others, for a lamp post on southeast corner of Hastings and Franklin street. Referred to Committee on Gas Lights.

Of J. L. Herbst and others, for abatement of nuisance along the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad. Referred to Committee on Health.

Of Geo. H. Moore and others, for sidewalk on north side Maple street, in front of lots 166, 167 and 168, Rivard Farm. Referred to Street Commissioner.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Auditor, the following accounts allowed by him: Expenses charter election, March 6, 1854, \$269 62; Daily Times, printing official canvass, \$12 00; John Ulrich, making fires, etc., four weeks, \$18 00; D. Cicotte, police services at railroad jubilee, \$2 00; Daily Inquirer, publishing official canvass, \$12 00; James M. Howard, new doors for Engine House No. 8, \$3 00; Cole & Ottley, glazing for Engine House, \$1 87; P. Connelly, making fires in Engine House, \$16. Allowed and ordered paid.

The special committee to whom was referred the bonds of certain officers elect, report that they have approved and filed the following bonds, to wit:

Of John Campbell, City Treasurer, with A. S. Bagg, John H. Harmon, W. F. Storey, Wm. F. Chittenden, John McReynolds, H. H. Brown, A. H. Stowell, Silas A. Bagg, Joseph Aspinall, James Hanmer, C. Howard and John MacLeod, sureties for \$100,000. Of Richard Starkey, City Clerk, with C. O'Flynn and Henry Schmitt, sureties for \$2,000. Of Eli Laderoot, City Marshal, with Edward V. Cicott, Alexander Paton and Walter Paton, sureties for \$5,000. Of Francis McDonald, Clerk of Market, with J. S. Wright and Robert Linn, sureties for \$2,000. Of Luther B. Willard, Director of the Poor, with Silas A. Bagg and John H. Harmon, sureties for \$2,000. Of Sanford Britton, City Sexton, with John McReynolds and G. M. Rich, sureties for \$2,000. Of Charles H. Damm, Weighmaster Lower Hay Scales, with John A. Damm and John G. Kies, sureties for \$2,000. Of Louis Dupont, Weighmaster Upper Hay Scales, with Warren Hill and E. K. Gilbert, sureties for \$2,000. Of Thomas McCarthy, Constable 1st Ward, with John Woods and Peter McGuire, sureties for \$2,000. Of John Warren, Constable 3d Ward, with Peter Dixon and J. S. Wright, sureties for \$2,000. Of Benjamin Sparling, Constable 5th Ward, with Charles V. Selkrig and J. P. Whiting, sureties for \$2,000. Of James Love, Constable 6th Ward, with L. C. Rose and Solomon Davis, sureties for \$2,000. Of John Reilly, Constable 7th Ward, with William Paton and Richard H. Carson, sureties for \$2,000. Of Thomas Hart, Supervisor 1st Ward, with H. N. Strong as surety for \$2,000. Of John J. Dederichs, Supervisor 4th Ward, with Anton Pulte and Conrad Gies, sureties for \$2,000. Of Peter Clessenne, Supervisor 7th Ward, with John B. Sevald and F. A. Boerner, sureties for \$2,000.

JOHN HULL, Alderman.

WM. A. COOK, Recorder.

A. T. HALL, City Auditor.

Adopted.

From the City Clerk—various official bonds.

Referred to the select Committee appointed last week.

From the City Marshal, recommending the appointment of John Reilly as his deputy.

Referred to the Attorney and Recorder.

From the City Attorney, an ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to amend chapter 16 of the Revised Ordinances of 1848, and for other purposes."

Read the first time and laid on the table.

A communication from the Street Commissioner relative to the present condition of the public streets, and recommending the modification of certain ordinances.

Referred to the committee on streets.

From the Board of Education, that at a meeting thereof on March 15, 1854, they passed a resolution requesting the Common Council to levy the entire amount of taxes authorized by law, for school purposes, the present year.

The amount thus authorized is one dollar to each child in the city, between the ages of four and eighteen years, according to the last census taken by the Board, and two hundred dollars for Library purposes.

The School census last taken by the Board was 8,530,—so that the sum, (not including an extra tax of \$1,500) authorized the present year is,

On the School census.....\$8,530
For Library purposes..... 200

Total amount.....\$8,730

I would remark, that the entire amount of School money authorized by law to be raised in the city, including the extra tax, will be required the present year to carry on our public schools, and to meet outstanding obligations, which ought to be met as soon as possible.

LEVI BISHOP,

President of the Board.

The committee on Fire Department, to whom was this evening referred the petition of Henry Rave, reported in favor of granting him permission to remove his building as prayed for. Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Alderman Fischer,

Resolved, That a tax be assessed, levied and collected, on all the real and personal property of the city, according to the city assessment rolls for the present year, of one dollar for each child in the city between the ages of four and eighteen years, amounting to eight thousand five hundred and thirty dollars (\$8,530), according to the last report of the school census of the city, on file in the office of the Clerk of Wayne county, and of the Secretary of the Board of Education. Also two hundred dollars (\$200) for the District Library of the City. Both of said sums to be disposed of by the Board of Education of the city according to law.

On motion of Alderman Patton,

Resolved, That the City Auditor advertise for proposals to do the city printing for the ensuing year, until Tuesday, 28th March, at noon.

Alderman Patton offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be authorized to have Engine Houses No. 6 and 8 repaired forthwith.

On motion of Ald. Barclay,

The resolution was amended by inserting "Chief Engineer" in lieu of "City Auditor," by the following vote:

Yeas—Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Duncan, Finhart, Fischer, Ingersol, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox and the Mayor—13.

Nays—Alderman Hull—1.

And the resolution as amended was adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

HORACE S. ROBERTS, City Clerk.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

DETROIT, May 4, 1854.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT this Office until Friday, the 18th day of May, inst., at 12 o'clock M., for cleaning that portion of the paved and plank avenues, streets and alleys, for which the city at large is chargeable, pursuant to the requirements of an ordinance relative thereto, ordained May 2d 1854.

The right to accept or reject any or all of said proposals, is reserved. By order of the committee on streets.

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AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

COMMON COUNCIL.

DETROIT, Tuesday, March 28, 1854.

The Council met at 7 o'clock, and was called to order by His Honor the Mayor, O. M. HYDE.

Present, the Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Huld, Ingersoll, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of D. Kendall, for settlement of balance due him for building sidewalks. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of S. Britton, City Sexton, for a new hearse, or repairs of the old one. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Of R. Hopson, for leave to construct a sewer or alley between Centre street and Madison avenue, connecting with John R street sewer;

Of Dan. Whipple and others, to construct a drain through an alley between Fort and Congress streets to connect with Riopelle street sewer; and

Of C. J. Trombly, to connect drain of lot 60, sec. 3, Griswold street, into the public sewer. Severally granted under the supervision of the Surveyor.

Of Louis Dupont, for reduction of rent of Upper Hay Sales. Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Of Geo. Duffield, John Winder and others, for an extension of the Woodward avenue sewer. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of Wm. Dyson and others, for construction of sewer on Beaubien street, from Elizabeth to Gratiot street, there to connect with Brush street sewer.—Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of proprietors of *Michigan Volksblatt*, for the printing of the city in German. Referred to Committee on Printing.

Of Jeremiah Hampson, for permission to locate a pedlar's stand on King's corner. Referred to City Attorney.

Of Patrick Kevany and others, for a bridge on alley west side of Third street, between Howard and Abbott streets. Referred to the Street Commissioner.

Of Sam'l Taylor and others, for abatement of a certain nuisance. Referred to Committee on Health.
Of Hosmer & Williams, that their bid for the printing might then be received, unavoidable causes having prevented its presentment before.

Ald. Ingersoll moved that all bids be received.

Ald. Collins offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to contract with the publishers of the Detroit FREE PRESS for printing required by the city for the present year, at prices not exceeding those contracted for in March, 1852.

Ald. Martin moved an amendment to the motion of Ald. Ingersoll, which was accepted, and a vote had thereon, when a question was raised as to the nature of Ald. Martin's amendment. Pending the discussion of the question of difference, the whole matter was laid upon the table.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him: B. B. & W. R. Noyes, lock with keys, for hook and ladder house, \$10 00; M. M. Giscer, repairs for engine company No. 3, and hook and ladder company, \$5 00; J. Andrews, ringing fire alarm, March 17, \$2 00; W. E. Bartholomew, ringing fire alarm March 17, \$2 00; Sears Stevens, making official canvass charter election, \$10 00.

Allowed and ordered paid.

From the Recorder, a report on the resolution of Ald. Stowell, relative to the act regarding "Taverns and other Licensed Houses." Laid on the table and ordered printed.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred sundry

petitions for side and cross walks, begs leave to report in favor of building sidewalks on the south side of Adams avenue, from Beaubien to Brush street; on the south side of Montcalm street, from Woodward avenue to east line of Cass Farm; on the north side of Maple street, in front of lots 166, 167 and 168, Rivard Farm; on the north side of Sibley street, from Woodward avenue to Park street; on the north side of Orchard street, from Second to Third street, with the necessary crossings to complete the walks hereby recommended. Also cross walks across Seventh street, south of Grand River street; cross walk across Seventh street, south of Abbott street; cross walk across Gratiot street, east of Randolph street; cross walk across alley west side of Third street, between Abbott and Howard streets; across alley west side of Second street, between Jefferson avenue and Larned street.

Respectfully, JOHN KING,
Street Com.

Adopted.

The Attorney reported that the Marshal was authorized to recommend a person for Assistant Marshal, upon being instructed so to do by the Council. Adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred various official bonds reported the same approved. Confirmed.

The Committee on Gas Lights, to whom was referred the petition of Geo. Miller and others, asking for a lamp post to be set on the southeast corner of Hastings and Franklin sts., beg leave to state that they have examined the same, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. They also recommend that the resolution of Ald. Chittenden for a gas metre, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of gas consumed by the city street lamps, be adopted, and that the same be placed in the office of City Poor Master.

H. H. LEROY,
WM. BARCLAY,
W. C. DUNCAN.

Adopted.

To the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The committee on Grand Circus Improvement beg to report to your honorable body the following bills which have been allowed and partly paid:

To Law & McAlister, for fencing Grand Circus,	\$915.25
To Wm. Waggoner, for iron work for fence,	93.68
To Atkinson & Co., painting fence,	279.60
To sundry persons, for trees, laying out ground etc.,	201.36
To Messrs Jordan, for plan of Grand Circus,	20.00
To David Kendall, for 8 foot side walk round Grand Circus in 8th Ward,	177.80
To David Kendall, for 12 foot side walk across Grand Circus on Woodward Avenue,	154.00
To Wm. Knowles, for bridges connecting side walks in 5th and 6th Wards,	21.26
To Mr. Henderson, for grading,	2.00
	\$1,869.75

By amount of appropriations,	\$1,775.00
do do due to Wm. Knowles,	21.26
do do due David Kendall, balance,	73.49

\$1,869.75

The vouchers for above accounts are all in the hands of City Auditor. The committee ask that they may be examined and allowed. The expenditures are \$94.75 more than the appropriations. It was recommended that the side walks should be completed, which have caused the accounts to exceed the appropriations, which is respectfully submitted, and the committee ask that the sum of \$94.75 be appropriated, and the committee relieved from its responsibilities.

JOSEPH ASPINALL,
Secretary to Committee.

The report was adopted, the balance ordered paid, and the committee of citizens discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petitions for improvements of Centre Park, in Sixth Ward, and West Park, in Fifth Ward, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means be requested to submit to the Freeman the sum of one thousand dollars, to be raised on the assessable property of the city this year, for the purpose of improving the above named parks, five hundred dollars for Centre Park, and four hundred dollars for West Park, and one hundred dollars for replanting trees in Grand Circus.

W. W. WILCOX,
Chairman Committee on Streets.

Ald. Hull moved to refer to the Committee on Ways and Means. Lost, as follows:

Yeas—Fischer, Hull—2.
Nays—Barclay, Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Ingersol, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox and Mayor—12.

The report and resolutions were then adopted. The same committee also recommend an amendment to the ordinance which requires the citizens to clean the dirt from the paved and planked streets in front of their premises. It is the opinion of your committee that the city should be at the expense of carting away and disposing of the dirt after it has been put up in heaps.

W. W. WILCOX,
Chairman Committee on Streets.

Adopted, and the Attorney was directed to report an ordinance carrying out the intent of the report.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resolution of Ald. Chittenden, of March 14, providing for the paving of a fraction of Campus Martius for a wood market, report adverse to the passage of the same; and they recommend that the City Attorney be instructed to report to the Council an ordinance regulating the sale of firewood within the limits of the city, prohibiting the sale by vendors from wagons, and providing for the licensing of wood yards therein.

W. W. WILCOX,
Chairman Committee on Streets.

Adopted.

From the Committee on Sewers: Your committee do most respectfully report that in their opinion there has been no regular system of the construction of sewers. Your committee therefore recommend that his honor, the Mayor, appoint a committee, to consist of nine, that is to say, one Alderman from each Ward and the City Surveyor, to report at the next meeting of the Council on as practicable a regular system of sewerage to be adhered to for the time to come.

I. W. INGERSOL,
STEPHEN MARTIN,
JAMES FINEHART.

Adopted.

The same committee also recommend the adoption of that part of Ald. Chittenden's resolution, which refers to tearing down and removing obstructions from Campus Martius, to which the resolution refers.

Adopted, after amending the resolution reported on, by striking out "five days" and inserting "ten days."

The ordinance amendatory of an ordinance to amend Chap. 16, Revised Ordinances of 1848, was read the second time and laid upon the table.

RESOLUTIONS.

Ald. Patton offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be authorized to have the gas put into the different engine houses in the city; also to have a lamp put over the door of each house.

Referred to the Committee on Gas.

On motion of Ald. Martin,

Resolved, That the Auditor draw a warrant on the Treasurer in favor of Patrick Kavey for eight dollars, expended in repairing and planking Fifth street, near Michigan avenue.

On motion of Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the City Attorney be instructed to report an ordinance to amend an ordinance which requires the Street Commissioner to perform police duties that he may be released from the same.

Ald. Patton offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be authorized to have the contract for paving Atwater street to the eastern line of the city executed as soon as the weather will permit, or before the fulfillment of any new contract.

Referred to Recorder and Attorney.

On motion of Recorder Cook,

Resolved, That it is necessary that there be an Assistant Marshal for the ensuing year, and that the Marshal be requested to nominate such Assistant Marshal, provided that said Assistant Marshal receive no salary for his services.

The City Marshal recommended John Reilly as Assistant Marshal, and he was appointed and required to give bonds in the sum of five hundred dollars.

On motion of Alderman Fischer,
Resolved, That his honor the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to offer a reward of fifty dollars for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who demolished the gas lamps on the night of the 27th, on Jefferson avenue, in the upper end of the city.

On motion of Alderman Barclay,
Resolved, That the City Attorney be and is hereby instructed to bring in an ordinance for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a night city watch.

Alderman Collins called for the reading of his resolution relative to printing, and demanded a vote on its passage.

The Mayor decided the resolution out of order.

Alderman Collins appealed from the decision of the chair, and Mayor's decision was reversed by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas—Ingersol, Leroy, Wilcox—3.
Nays—Barclay, Duncan, Fischer, Hull, Martin, Mayhew, Patton—7.

The question being on the passage of the resolution Alderman Leroy moved to lay upon the table.

Lost as follows:

Yeas—Fischer, Ingersol, Leroy, Wilcox, and the Mayor—5.

Nays—Barclay, Collins, Duncan, Finehart, Hull, Martin, Mayhew, Patton—8.

The resolution was then adopted by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas—Barclay, Collins, Duncan, Finehart, Hull, Martin, Mayhew, Patton—8.

Nays—Fischer, Ingersol, Leroy, Wilcox, and the Mayor—5.

On motion of Alderman Ingersol,

The persons submitting proposals for printing had leave to withdraw them.

Alderman Martin offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be ordered to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the late Recorder Bagg, for his claim of \$25.50.

Referred to the Attorney.

Alderman Martin offered the following:

Whereas, It is the opinion of this Council, and particularly when we take into consideration the vast growth of the city, and also the extensive mercantile and other business so rapidly increasing, we consider the necessity of constructing a public building indispensable. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by his honor the Mayor, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the probable cost of a City Hall of such dimensions as will accommodate the several public offices, to wit: City, State, and County offices, and Court Rooms. Be it further

Resolved, That said committee be limited in a sum not to exceed two hundred dollars, to obtain the information required.

Pending which the Council adjourned.

H. S. ROBERTS, City Clerk.

Report of the Recorder on the Liquor Question.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the city of Detroit:

The undersigned, one of the committee to whom were referred the preamble and resolutions of the late Alderman Stowell, relative to an act of the Legislature of 1851, entitled "An act to amend Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, in regard to taverns and other licensed houses," has the honor to report that he sees no good reason why said preamble and resolutions should not receive the unanimous approbation of the Council, unless upon the ground that no action on the subject is called for on the part of the Common Council. As, however, the fact is quite notorious that the law referred to has not been as efficiently enforced on the part of our city authorities, nor heeded by our citizens generally, as it ought to have been, it cannot be thought that action in regard to it by the Council is wholly unnecessary.

The law referred to is in full force, and in no respect conflicts with the organic law of the State. It had been supposed by some that the act was unconstitutional; but the opinion thus entertained was based upon an erroneous construction of the provisions of the act. It

was insisted by those who held the opinion referred to, that the taking of the penal bonds provided for by the act, by the corporate authorities of the several cities, villages and towns in the State, was tantamount to the *granting of license* to sell intoxicating liquors so long as the bonds remained in force. But the construction thus put upon the provision of the act alluded to, was not well grounded, either in law or common sense, and has been overruled by an express opinion of the judges of the Supreme Court, pronounced by Mr Justice WING, in the case of *Langly vs. Cameron*. The act, therefore, as set forth in the preamble to Alderman Stowell's resolutions, is the "adjudicated and settled law of the State."

The law in question is extremely stringent in its provisions, and if thoroughly and efficiently enforced, would unquestionably tend in a very great degree to *abate*, if not totally *abolish*, the universally acknowledged *evils* resulting from the traffic in intoxicating liquors. If the enforcement of the law can accomplish such a result, it is certainly but proper that the Common Council should instruct the Executive officers of the city to see that the provisions of the law are obeyed.

In the first place, the act requires that every person engaged in the selling of intoxicating liquors in a less quantity than twenty-eight gallons, shall give a bond to the people of the State in a penal sum of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, (the amount to be fixed by the township, village or city board) with *two good sureties*, etc., who are to *justify their responsibility under oath*, showing that they are worth in property, *unencumbered and liable to execution*, and over and above all liabilities at least double the amount of the penalty of the bond which bond shall be conditioned that the principal therein shall pay all penalties and forfeitures that may be incurred by reason of his violating any provisions of law regulating the sale of spirituous liquors, etc., AND PAY ALL DAMAGES THAT COMMUNITY OR INDIVIDUALS MAY SUSTAIN BY REASON OF SUCH TRAFFIC" by the principal. This bond is to be filed with the township or city clerk, as the case may be, and shall remain in force for six years; but the proper authorities of the several townships and cities are to require new bonds from all persons so selling intoxicating liquors as aforesaid, *once in two years*, and "as much oftener as they may deem the public good requires." Any person who shall sell intoxicating liquors without having executed a bond as required by law, or who shall not, upon notice, execute a new bond, with good sureties, "shall forfeit and pay for each offence a sum not less than \$25, nor more than \$100, at the discretion of the Court."

The act further provides, that any person injured by the sale of intoxicating liquor, or by, or in consequence of the intoxication of any person, may bring suit on the bond of the person selling the liquors; and "recover all damages, for injury, loss of detriment occasioned thereby." And among other provisions it enacts, that a married woman, may prosecute and recover in the bond, "for all damages sustained by herself or children, occasioned by the sale of spirituous liquors, by the person giving the bond;" and in estimating damages in such cases, *the time lost by the person drinking the liquor sold, and any destruction of property or injury to the wife or children, by the person under the influence of the liquor sold, are all to be taken into account.*

The law in question further provides, that any retailer of spirituous liquors who shall have or keep, in or about his premises, any "dice, cards, billiards, or other instruments used in gaming," or "suffer any gaming on his premises," shall forfeit ten dollars for each offence; and any person exercising any games on the premises of such retailer shall also forfeit ten dollars; and if any retailer of spirituous liquors "shall suffer any person to drink to drunkenness or excess on his premises," he shall forfeit five dollars for each offence. And, if he suffers any minor (travelers excepted) to have any strong drink there, without the written permission of the parent or guardian of such minor, he shall forfeit \$10 for each offence. The law also forbids, the selling of intoxicating drinks to an Indian, or to any common drunkard under a penalty of \$20 for each offence. It provides further, that the wife, relative, or guardian, of any person of intemperate habits may forbid, in writing, any seller of intoxicating liquors, from selling or giving such liquors to any such person, and if any vendor of such liquors, after being thus forbidden, shall sell, or give away such liquors to any such person, he shall forfeit, for each offence, \$20; to be recovered with costs, in an action of debt, for the bene-

fit of the wife if there be one, if not, for the benefit of the family, of the intemperate person.

The law further forbids any retailer of spirituous liquors, other than an inn-holder or tavern-keeper, from keeping the place where he sells liquors, open on any part of the Sabbath, or on the evening of any other day of the week, after ten o'clock, and imposes a penalty of \$10 for each violation of these provisions.

There are other important and salutary provisions in the law referred to, but it is unnecessary to make mention of them in this report. The abstract, already presented, exhibits fully the stringent character of the enactments contained in the law, and must satisfy all of the correctness of the opinion heretofore expressed, that if the law could be thoroughly and efficiently enforced, it would unquestionably tend very greatly to *abate* if it did not *abolish*, the evils resulting from the liquor traffic. And as all objections relative to the "constitutionality" of the Act, have been forever silenced by the recent decision of the Supreme Court, before alluded to, and will not, therefore, in all probability, be hereafter urged, either in the Supreme Court or even in "Courts of Justices of the Peace," no good reason suggests itself to the undersigned, why the Police officers of the City, and all friends of morality and good order, should not cheerfully unite in causing the provisions of the law to be efficiently enforced.

There is no necessity for directing the City Clerk to publish a notice in the daily papers, such as is contemplated by Alderman Stowell's resolution; as such a notice would not, probably be a legal notice for the purpose contemplated. The notice required by the law ought, undoubtedly to be a personal notice in each seller of intoxicating liquors in the city. If any notice is to be given, the undersigned would recommend that the City Clerk cause a sufficient number of notices to be printed for the purpose required, leaving blanks for the name of the persons on whom the same is to be served, and for the name of the City Clerk; and that he direct one of such notices to each seller of spirituous liquors in the city, whose names he can ascertain, sign the same in his official capacity, and deliver them to the Marshal for service.

The undersigned would further recommend that the City Marshal be instructed to serve such notices on all sellers of spirituous liquors in the city. He also recommends the adoption of the 2d resolution offered by Alderman Stowell, as the same was presented by him. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. A. COOK, Recorder.

DETROIT, March 28, 1854.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

DETROIT, Monday, April 3, 1854.

Council met at 4 P. M., and was called to order by his Honor, the Mayor. O. M. Hyde.

Present. Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Finchart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersol, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox.

The following communication was received from the City Auditor:

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—The ordinance relative to the City Treasurer provides that "It shall be the duty of the City Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the corporation of said city, from whatever sources the same may arise or become due, and once in each week deposit all moneys so received by him, in such place in said city as the Common Council may by resolution designate."

At a meeting of the Council, held September 28, 1849, the following resolution was offered by the Committee on ways and means and adopted by the Council, viz:

That the Treasurer be and is hereby directed to deposit the moneys of the corporation in the Michigan State Bank.

The above resolution and ordinance have not been rescinded, and they were explained to the present City Treasurer upon his entering upon the duties of his office.

On Saturday, the first instant, at about 12 o'clock M., I was notified that a draft of the City Treasurer upon the Michigan State Bank, payable to the

order of H. H. Brown, had been presented at that Bank for payment, and was asked if it was all right I requested the Cashier to decline payment until I could have an interview with the Treasurer, and ascertain his reason for removing the money from the place of deposit designated by the Council.

I called upon the Treasurer in the afternoon and was informed by him, that he had given bonds to secure the city for the public moneys in his hands, and he intended to have the custody of the funds. Upon further inquiry I was informed that he had made no arrangements by which the city would receive interest upon the money, or for the payment of our indebtedness in New York.

We received from the Michigan State Bank, for the year terminating March 1st, 1854, one thousand and eighty-six dollars for interest upon our deposits; and during the same year that Bank paid over thirty thousand dollars of our indebtedness in New York, free of charge, for exchange, by which one hundred and fifty dollars was saved, making the sum total received as a consideration for our deposits, of twelve hundred and thirty-six dollars.

The money now in the Treasury, and for which the Treasurer's draft was made, belongs almost exclusively to the interest and sinking funds, and is required to pay bonds and interest now due and becoming due on the first day of the next month. Our bankers have instructed their agents in New York to pay our indebtedness on presentation there, and our creditors have all been informed that they would be paid on presenting their claims at the bank in New York. If this money is now withdrawn, those instructions will be countermanded, and before new arrangements could be effected and our creditors notified of the change, our evidences of debt would be protested for non-payment, by which our credit would be seriously impaired at a time when it is of vital importance that we maintain a credit untarnished and unsuspected.

Every member of the Council, and most of our citizens, must remember that less than four years ago our bonds on time, and even warrants upon the Treasurer, payable on demand, were sold for from seventy to seventy-five cents on the dollar. The strict financial system pursued since that period has given us a credit which enabled us to sell the bonds issued for the construction of the new Water Works, at a premium of over sixteen hundred dollars.—Upon the completion of these works depend the health and comfort of our citizens and the safety and value of their property; and it is necessary that we should appear in the market as borrowers in 1855, to effect this desirable and all important object.

Over fifty thousand dollars of our old indebtedness becomes due in 1856, and we shall find it necessary to effect a new loan for a large portion of it. Let our coupons for interest be once protested, and our credit thereby dishonored, and our next loans, if effected at all, will be made at a discount far exceeding the premium realized upon the loan of 1853.

In view of these facts, I have requested the non-payment of the Treasurer's draft until the matter could be laid before your Honorable body for such action in the premises as your wisdom may dictate; and should you decide to change the place of deposit, I respectfully suggest that sufficient time should elapse before it is done, to enable us to notify our creditors, by letters and advertisements, of the contemplated change.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Amos T. HALL, City Auditor.

On motion of Alderman Patton,
Resolved, That the communication of the City Auditor be referred to the committee on ways and

means, the Recorder and City Attorney, and that the deposits remain in the Michigan State Bank until the further action of this Council; the committee to report at a special meeting to be called by the Mayor.

Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

DETROIT, Tuesday, April 4, 1854.

Council met, and was called to order by his honor the Mayor, O. M. Hyde.

Present—The Recorder, Wm. A. Cook, and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of C. W. Jackson and others, for removal of fence on Lafayette street, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Referred to Street Commissioners.

Of G. B. Parsons, for appointment as City Chimney Sweep. Granted.

Of John Stephens, for the grading and paving of alley in rear of Congress street, from Wayne to Cass street.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of John Ladue, that the wooden building known as engine house No. 2, may be permitted to occupy so much of the city property as it now covers.

Referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Of Beard, Christian and others, that the Council repeal the ordinance prohibiting pedlars, hucksters and others, from exhibiting and selling their wares in the streets.

Laid on table.

Of James Abbot and others, for the widening of Griswold street from Jefferson avenue to the river.

Referred to the Recorder and City Attorney.

Of Jos. Hauch, for an assessment for re-planking Third street between Michigan avenue and Woodbridge street.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Jas. A. Van Dyke and others, for the erection of gas lamp posts on the corner of Fort and St. Antoine streets.

Referred to Committee on Gas Lights.

Of T. Harwich and others, for the construction of a side walk six feet wide on the north side of Mullett street, between Hastings and Orleans streets.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of W. P. Alexander and others, for repairs of walk on the west side of Shelby street, adjoining the grounds of the Waverly House.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of C. T. Allen and others, for an appropriation of four hundred dollars for ornamenting and laying out walks, &c., on the Grand Circus, in the Sixth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Of Joseph Aspinall and others, for an appropriation of eight hundred dollars for ornamenting and laying out the walks on the Grand Circus.

Of the President of the Board of Water Commissioners, for permission to lay down a plank road on Riopelle street, and also through Railroad and Detroit streets to the new reservoir lot.

Granted.

Of John B. Davis, for the privilege of enlarging with wood house on north-west corner of Sixth and Lafayette streets.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of J. M. Guile, for permission to raise his frame house on Miami avenue three feet higher, in order to put under brick underpinning.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of W. H. Barse, for extra pay for services as Marshal the last year.

Referred to Committee on Claims and the City Auditor.

Of Wm. Howell, for allowance of claim of \$800 for completing outlet of grand sewer, in 1852.

Referred to Committee on Claims and City Auditor.

The following communication was received from John Campbell, City Treasurer:

DETROIT, April 4, 1854.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Detroit:

I would respectfully state to your honorable body, that as my check on the Michigan State Bank has been intercepted by a third party, and payment been refused by that Bank, a proper self-respect forbids my drawing another except to withdraw the entire amount placed to my credit in that institution.

It is but justice to myself to state that my check was drawn under the supposition that the funds were in the Bank to my credit, as my Bank book fully showed, such Bank book being procured by the City Auditor, and receipted for by me. It has been my intention, and will continue to be my action while I hold the office of Treasurer, to pay out or dispose of no funds of the city except upon the direction of your honorable body, and I shall with pleasure make any disposition of the funds you may direct; but it cannot be expected that I should again subject myself to have my checks dishonored by drawing upon that institution. If you direct me to deposit with it, I shall do so to your credit, and of course there will then be no power or necessity for me to draw upon it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

The following report of a public meeting of the Freemen for assessment of school tax of \$1,500 for the year 1854, was received from the Secretary thereof:

At a meeting of the Freemen of the city of Detroit, held at the City Hall on the thirty-first day of March, 1854, in pursuance of a proclamation of the Mayor calling the same, bearing date the twenty-second day of March, 1854.

On motion of Samuel Barstow, Esq., Mr. Andrew Ladue was called to the Chair, and D. Bethune Duffield was appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been duly stated, on motion of Samuel Barstow, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, By the Freemen of the city of Detroit, assembled at the City Hall on this thirty-first day of March, 1854, at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to a call by the Mayor of said city of Detroit, that the Common Council of said city be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect a specific tax the present year of fifteen hundred dollars, under and by virtue of the provisions of an act of the Legislature of March 12, 1847, to be expended by the Board of Education for school purposes, according to the provisions of said act.

On further motion, the Secretary of the meeting was directed to notify the Board of Education of the action of this meeting.

And thereupon the meeting adjourned.

D. BETHUNE DUFFIELD, Chairman.

ANDREW LADUE, Secretary.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

John King, Street Commissioner, for repairing sewers, lumber and labor on street, \$228 54; Henry McCall, for burying 70 hogs, dogs, cats and hens in

March, \$8 75; S. Britton, interring 1 adult and 1 child, and furnishing shroud, \$9 25; F. W. Schimmel, printing and publishing in German, for quarter ending April 1, 1854, \$43 75; Bagg, Patten & McDonald, tax books, stationery and blank books, \$80 13; J. Andrews, ringing public bell from Feb. 7 to March 31, \$14 58; Detroit Gas Light Co., for use of street lamps in January, February and March, \$1,139 70; do., setting one lamp post and resetting 3 posts, fixtures, pipes and repairs, \$34 63; S. Conant, lumber for fencing opening on sewer on First street, below Jefferson avenue, \$5 37; E. Shepard, copper torches for Engine Co. No. 1, \$8 00; D. Rice, repairing engines, \$27 25; Francis Crawford, refunding taxes of 1845, and interest on lot No. 109 N. Fort street, L. Beaubien farm, twice assessed, \$3 82; E. Shepard, repairs of gas street lamps, \$34 38; David McLean, opening grates and repairing bridges, \$4 50; hospital, care of sick poor in March, \$65 14.

Allowed and ordered paid.

The Committee on Streets, and the City Auditor, report that pursuant to orders of the Council they received proposals up to 12 o'clock, M., on Saturday, April 1st, 1854, and that upon examination the following result was obtained:

NAME OF PROPOSERS.	Price per cubic yard for grading.	Price per lineal ft. for curbing.	Price per square ft. for cross walk.	Price per square yard for paving.
Samuel French.....	\$0 25	\$0 30	\$0 28	\$0 94½
Isaac Holloway.....	30	30	.80	1.03½
Harris, Butler & Albro...	26	81½	.80	1.00

Mr. Samuel French is the lowest bidder, and adds to his proposal that he "will pave as many more streets as may be required to be paved during the season of 1854 at the same rate as the above."

All of which is respectfully submitted, together with the original proposals received.

W. W. WILCOX, }
WM. BARCLAY, } Com. on Streets.
W. H. LE ROY, }
AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

Laid on the table.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

Pursuant to instructions from your honorable body, I have drawn a contract for printing and publishing for the ensuing year, at prices corresponding with those paid for similar work in the year 1852. It has been executed by the party of the second part, Mr. Wilbur F. Storey, and awaits execution by the Common Council as parties of the first part.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

Since writing the above, I have had a copy of a writ of injunction served upon me, which is herewith enclosed.

AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

Report accepted and laid upon the table, and accompanying papers referred to City Attorney, with power to employ assistant counsel.

The City Attorney, to whom was referred the subject of the petition of Jeremiah Hanahan, asking leave to stand with a small peddling wagon upon King's corner on Jefferson and Woodward Avenues, respectfully reports that he has inquired into the matter, and is of opinion that to grant said Hanahan permission for said purposes would be in contravention of the 25th section of chapter thirty-three of the by-laws and ordinances of Corporation of the City of Detroit, relative to the use of Streets and Alleys.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

Adopted.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The City Attorney, one of the Committee to whom was referred the subject of the contract of the Messrs. French, for paving Atwater Street, respectfully reports that he has inquired into the subject of the contract and entirely concurs in the opinion of the late Recorder and City Attorney that the contract should be abandoned and the work re-let as soon as practicable.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

On motion of Alderman Barclay, the report was referred to the Street Commissioner, to report the difference between the old contract and the present proposal of Mr. French.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of renting the stalls in the City Hall market, respectfully report, that they recommend that said stalls be leased for the term of three years each, at public auction to the highest bidders for the first year's rent, and that for the second and third years, the Council shall retain the right to fix the rent for each succeeding year, and that each person renting a stall or stalls shall be required to give satisfactory security, by endorsed notes, for the payment of said rent quarter-yearly in advance.

And your committee further recommend that the city Marshal be required to give public notice by printed bills to be circulated among the butchers in the market, and by posting about the city, that the sale of said stalls will take place on Saturday next at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Your committee further recommend that an Alderman from each of the seventh and eighth wards be appointed by his Honor the Mayor, to confer with this committee upon the propriety and expediency of building one market house in each of said wards.

And your committee would also respectfully report that in consequence of a recent decision made by the Hon. Geo. V. N. Lothrop, late Recorder of the city, adverse to the power of the Council to grant licenses to individuals to sell meats in places in said city, other than the regular market houses, the city will be deprived of a portion of its anticipated revenue; your committee respectfully recommend that it be referred to the City Attorney to ascertain, and report at the next meeting, whether the Common Council has the legal right to pass an ordinance to prevent the sale of fresh meats in every part of said city, except such places as shall be designated by it; and if such power exists, then to report an ordinance for that purpose.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC FINEHART, } Committee
W. C. DUNCAN, } on Markets.
FRANCIS MAYHEW.

On motion of Ald. Barclay,

The Report was amended by striking out the first part thereof, and providing "That the Committee on markets should fix a minimum rent on each stall in the City Hall Market (the rate not to be less than that of last year) and that the present occupants of stands be permitted to retain the same at such minimum rate; provided they have complied with the orders of the Council in the payment of rent for the past year."

The report as amended was then adopted.

The special Committee to whom was referred the bonds of City Officers, report that being personally unacquainted with the sureties of Charles Doherty, constable of the 8th Ward, they respectfully ask that his bond be referred to the Aldermen of that ward for further action.

The bond was so referred.

From the same committee, that the bond of A. W. Sprague had been approved.

Confirmed.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Whereas, At a meeting of the freemen of the City of Detroit, assembled at the City Hall on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1854, pursuant to a call of the Mayor, the Common Council of the City of Detroit were duly authorized to levy and assess a tax of fifteen hundred dollars, for school purposes; therefore,

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Detroit, that said tax of fifteen hundred dollars, so voted by the freemen of the City, be duly levied and collected the present year, to be disposed of by the Board of Education, according to law.

Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay,

Resolved, That the "Commission on Streets" be authorized to employ (during the pleasure of the Council) a suitable person, as Surveyor, to assist in establishing the grades of the City.

Laid on the table one week.

By Alderman Collins,

Resolved, That an opening be made in the First Ward Sewer, on the east side of Third Street, at the Alley between Larned and Congress streets, and a grate put on said opening forthwith.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman Ingersoll,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed, until the pending injunction in reference to the City Printing be disposed of, to procure such printing as may be necessary to be done, at such office in this City as will execute the same on the lowest terms, for each item of advertising or job work, as the same may be necessary; Providing, such office will cause to be printed in some daily paper, the current proceedings of this Council, without charge to the city.

Laid on the table, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Hull, Martin, Mayhew, Patton—9.

Nays—Ald. Fischer, Ingersoll, Leroy, Wilcox, Mayor—5.

By Alderman Barclay,

Resolved, That the Committee on Markets, and the City Marshal, expose for sale, on Saturday next, at 10 o'clock A. M., in accordance with the order of this Council, the several stalls in the City Hall Markets; and that all stalls not leased to the present occupants be leased to the highest bidder over the minimum price fixed by the Committee on Markets.

Adopted.

By Alderman Martin,

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated towards the fencing and ornamenting Crawford Park.

Referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

DETROIT, Tuesday, April 11, 1854.

The Council met and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor OLIVER M. HYDE.

Present—The Recorder, and Aldermen Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Hiram R. Andrews, for permission to enter and drain sewer on Woodward avenue, from lots 44 and 45. Granted under the supervision of the City Surveyor.

Of Jas. Cannan, for refunding fine imposed upon him by the Mayor's Court, for filling up State street. Referred to Committee on Claims.

Of J. B. Clark and others, asking some action in relation to buildings standing in street, on the south side of Jefferson avenue. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of O. B. Wilmarth and others, for sidewalk on the south side of Third street, from Porter street to Michigan avenue, and bridging ditch in the alley on Cass Farm, 1st Ward. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of H. E. Mather, that bond given by the city to him, binding the city to execute a deed to him of the Berthelet Market property be taken back, and a deed executed to P. Tregent. Granted.

Of N. Curtiss and others, for sidewalks six feet wide, from southeast side and corner of Park street, to run north and connect with Sibley street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of John Stenton and others, for sidewalk on the south side of Macomb street, from Rivard to Riopelle street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Joseph Letourneau, asking amendment of ordinance so that construction of side and cross walks should be done by contract. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of John Copland and others, remonstrating against any order of the Common Council requiring the payment, at present, of that portion of Woodbridge street lying between Woodward avenue and Beaubien street. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Scanlon & O'Callaghan and others, for gas lamp at foot of First street. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Or Thomas Maybury, contractor for distributing iron pipes, for repairs on Orleans street. Referred to City Attorney.

Of Walter Ingersoll, for sidewalks, both sides of First street, from Jefferson avenue to Michigan avenue, with cross walks across all intervening streets and alleys, and that the fences be placed on the line of the lots. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of J. D. Johnston, for appointment to take census of the city. Referred to City Attorney.

Of the Supervisors of the several Wards, relative to distribution of moneys for work on streets, &c. Referred to Committee on Streets.

A communication was received from the Officers and

Board of Managers of the Washington National Monument Society, asking aid for the completion of the monument. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means and the City Auditor.

From J. D. Johnston, relative to numbering houses. Referred to Committee on Streets.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of the Fire Department:
To the Hon. the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Detroit:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Fire Department, held last evening at Firemen's Hall, William Duncan was nominated Chief Engineer, William Hopkins 1st Assistant, and George Hager 2d Assistant.

The following resolution was also passed at said meeting viz:

Resolved, That in view of the rapid growth of the city, and the consequent increasing responsibility and duty of the Chief Engineer and his Assistants, it is earnestly recommended to the Common Council to fix the pay of the former at \$500 per annum, and each of the latter at \$200 per annum. Yours, &c., C. S. COLE, Sec'y.

DETROIT, April 11, 1854.

The nominations were confirmed.

Ald. Patton offered the following:

Resolved, That the late First Assistant Engineer, Abijah Joy, be allowed one hundred dollars for the last year's services.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

Detroit Free Press, printing and advertising, January, February and March, \$71.91; Ralph Phelps, 34½ cords of wood for engine houses, \$94.17; Detroit Gas Light Company, gas used in City Hall, January, February and March \$10.00; Atkinson & Co., glazing in City Hall, \$2.90; J. Andrews, ringing fire alarm, 9th inst., \$2.00.

Allowed and ordered paid:

From the City Treasurer, evidences of debt paid:	
Interest and coupons	\$2,125 18
Due bills	2 81
	<hr/> \$2,127 99

Vouchers examined, approved, cancelled and filed, April 11, 1854.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the City Attorney, an ordinance "relative to cleaning paved streets or alleys."

Laid on the table.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred sundry petitions for side and cross walks, and the removal of fences, begs leave to report in favor of building a sidewalk on the north side of Mullet street, from Hastings to Orleans street, and that the fences on the south side of Lafayette street, between Fifth and Sixth, be removed to the line of lots on said Lafayette street. JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

DETROIT, April 11th, 1854.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the proposition of Samuel French for paving Atwater street, with directions to report the difference between his former contract and present proposition, begs leave to report that the actual difference is sixteen cents per square yard, which will be required to pay for the extra quantity of sand and filling to the street conformable to the present grade. I therefore believe that if the work is done as Mr. French proposes it will be as cheap as the old contract.

DETROIT, April 11, 1854.

Accepted.

The Committee on Health, to whom was referred the petition of George Hager and others, relative to a nuisance, report that the ditch along the Pontiac Railroad is a nuisance, dangerous to the health of the citizens, and recommend the Marshal to notify and require the railroad to abate the same forthwith.

Adopted.

The Committee appointed by his Honor the Mayor to report a permanent system of sewerage, do most respectfully report, that, at present, they consider any change from the present system would not be prudent; but the Committee have come to the conclusion, that, at a future day, and as soon as possible, a main sewer ought to be constructed on every second street leading from the river, of such dimensions, say 5 feet diameter, as will admit of intersecting sewers, and carry off all the water and matter that will be conducted from the several inlets that necessarily have to be made. Accepted.

Committee on Sewers reported in favor of the sewers they deemed expedient to construct the present season, and the report was referred to the City Surveyor with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Council, the cost of constructing the same.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Hatch, H. Ledyard and others, for an assessment for planking Third Street from Michigan Avenue to Woodbridge Street, report in favor of the same, according to the City Ordinance.

W. W. WILCOX,

H. H. LEROY.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred the petition of Louis Dupont, report that upon examination they find that he has weighed since the 15th of March last 115 loads, while at the new Scale 409 loads were weighed; they believe that this difference arises wholly from the difference

in Scales; the old one being very much out of repair cannot safely be relied on in weighing heavy loads. We therefore recommend that the Auditor be authorized to contract for a new set of Scales, at prices not exceeding those paid in 1853, for the lower Scale.

Adopted.

The Committee on Markets report that pursuant to your orders they have leased to the former lessees or their assigns, all the Stalls in the City Hall Market, at the prices of the previous year, except Stall No. 11, 12 and 18, which were offered at public auction by the Marshal, but for which there were no bidders.

Accepted.

The Committee on Fire Department reported in favor of granting petitions of John Ladue to allow portion of wooden building to stand upon the public ground; of J. M. Guile, to raise frame house on Miami Avenue, and of Jno. B. Davis, to enlarge house on N. W. corner of Sixth and Lafayette Streets. Adopted.

Aldermen of Eighth Ward reported bond of Chas. Doherty, Constable, as approved by them, and it was confirmed.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Wilcox,

Resolved, That the City Auditor prepare and the Mayor exact with S. French for paving, according to specifications in his last proposition. Adopted.

By the Committee on Licenses,

Resolved, That the License for the Metropolitan Theatre, for the year 1854, be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of Fifty Dollars, and that the City Marshal is hereby instructed to collect the same forthwith. Adopted.

By Recorder Cook,

Whereas, In pursuance of an invitation from the Board of Education of this City, a meeting of the State Teachers' Association is to be held in this city during the next week; and **whereas** this Council feel a deep interest in all movements tending to promote the cause of Education in this State, therefore

Resolved, That the use of the Hall in which this Council holds its sessions be tendered to the said State Teachers' Association, and that said Association be respectfully invited to hold its meetings in said Hall, during its sessions in this City. Adopted.

By Alderman Collins,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer, in favor of John Patton, for the sum of three hundred dollars for services rendered as Chief Engineer for the past year. Adopted.

By Alderman Martin,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the north side of Michigan Avenue, between Fifth and Sixth Streets, forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Martin,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to construct two cross walks on Sixth Street, north and south sides of Beech Street. Referred to Street Commissioner with power.

By Alderman Leroy,

Resolved, That the Commissioner on Streets be directed to notify the owners or occupants of lots on streets or alleys paved or planked to clean the same in accordance with the present existing ordinance. Adopted.

By Alderman Wilcox,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an Assessment for planking Third Street from Michigan Avenue to Woodbridge Street; said planking to be oak, eight feet long and three inches thick.

By Alderman Hull,

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be instructed to contract with Samuel French for the paving of Atwater Street from St. Antoine Street to the easterly line of the City, agreeable to his last proposition. Adopted.

By Alderman Patton,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to procure a suitable table, with drawers, locks and keys, to be placed in the Council Hall, for the use of the Recorder and City Attorney. Adopted.

By Alderman Lansing,

Resolved, That the City Marshal be and he is hereby instructed to post up suitable notices for preventing the boys and all other persons from playing in the East Park until the trees, about to be planted, shall have become firmly rooted and grown, so that they will not be injured thereby; and that he be authorized to prevent all persons from resorting there.

Resolution was amended so as to include all the Parks, and adopted.

By Alderman Lansing,

Whereas, It is the obvious design of the City Ordinance requiring the Common Council to receive proposals for doing the Public Printing before selecting a City Printer that said printing should be given to the lowest bidder, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the members of this Board a compliance with what is so clearly the spirit and intent of said ordinance would result in a saving to the tax payers of Detroit, therefore,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be hereby required to advertise in one or more of the Detroit daily papers for proposals for doing all the Public Printing of the City until 12 o'clock, M., of Tuesday, the 18th inst., and that he then be authorized to enter into a contract with the person or persons who shall prove to be the lowest bidder for said work, provided that he or they shall give good and sufficient security for doing said printing in a prompt and faithful manner.

Resolved, That all resolutions of this Council inconsistent with the preamble and resolution above cited, be, and they are hereby rescinded.

Pending the consideration of the above resolution, there not being a quorum present the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKKEY, City Clerk.

SPECIAL SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING, April 17, 1854.

Present—His Honor the Mayor, O. M. Hyde, the Recorder, Wm. A. Cook, and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Duncan, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox.

The committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the communication of John Campbell, City Treasurer, relative to the withdrawal of the moneys of the corporation from the depository designated by the Common Council, report, that the act approved February 21, 1849, in section 1, page 233, provides for the election of certain officers, to wit: one Recorder, one Attorney, one Clerk, one Treasurer, &c.

Section 10, page 235, provides, that "said officers, respectively, shall perform such duties, and be subject to such liabilities, as are, may be, from time to time prescribed by law, or by the by-laws, ordinances, or resolutions, duly passed by the Common Council, as the case may be."

Section 9, page 235, provides, that "said officers shall take and file an oath of office, and give bonds for the performance of their duties, agreeably to the law, or the by-laws, ordinances, or resolutions of the Common Council."

Section 1, Chapter 5, page 74, of the city ordinances, requires the treasurer to receive all moneys of the corporation, from whatever source arising, and to deposit the same, once in each week, in such bank as the Common Council may direct.

Section 1, Chapter 1, of the ordinance ordained April 23, 1853, contains the same provisions, and is amendatory of the first ordinance.

At a session of the Common Council, Sept. 18, 1849, the committee of ways and means reported the following resolution, which was adopted, and has not since been rescinded, but remains in full force, to wit:

"That the Treasurer be, and is hereby directed to deposit the moneys of the corporation in the Michigan State Bank."

The condition of the Treasurer's bond is, that "now therefore, if the said John Campbell shall well and faithfully discharge and perform the duties which the by-laws, ordinances, and resolutions of the Common Council, may from time to time direct, or require of him as such Treasurer," &c., "then the obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue."

Your committee are, therefore, of the opinion that the Treasurer is bound to deposit all the moneys of the corporation in the depository designated by the Common Council, until otherwise ordered by them, and that he has no right to withdraw the same for any purpose, except for the payment of city indebtedness, by order of the Common Council, or the warrant of the proper officer.

Your committee will furthermore state, that they have called on the Michigan Insurance and Peninsular Banks, with the view of ascertaining whether an arrangement could be made with either of them, whereby the city would be benefited, by transferring the monies of the corporation from their present depository; but no proposal has been offered to give better terms, or to make a more advantageous one arrangement than now exists between the corporation and the Michigan State Bank. In view of this, added to the fact that the bank is willing to give good and sufficient security for the safe custody of the public moneys deposited with it, your committee are of opinion that no change should, for the present, be made, and would recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be and are hereby empowered to contract with the Michigan State Bank for receiving, on deposit, the moneys of the corporation for the ensuing year, and until otherwise ordered by the Common Council—said Bank giving a satisfactory bond for that purpose.

E. A. LANSING,
WM. BARCLAY,
Committee on Ways and Means.
WM. A. COOK, Recorder.

DETROIT, 17th April, 1854.

The report was adopted as follows—Yeas, Barclay, Collins, Duncan, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox, Mayor—11.

Nays—0.

The Council adjourned.

R. STARKKEY,
City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY EVENING, April 18, 1854.

Council met and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, OLIVER M. HYDE.

Present—The Recorder, W. A. Cook, Esq., and Aldermen Barclay, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of J. S. and H. H. Wright, for permission to drain lot No. 5, Sec. 8, G. and J. plan, in the public sewer on Washington Avenue, under supervision of City Surveyor. Granted.

Of Peter Stauch and others, for six foot walks on the north and south side of Croghan street, from Monroe Avenue to Russell street, with cross walks; also for removal of fences, &c., to line of the street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Jno. Bagley and others, asking that the fences on the east side of Randolph, between Croghan and Macomb streets, may be moved back to the line, and that the sidewalks be planked to correspond with such widening. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of John A. Damm and others, asking that the proceedings of the Council may be printed in the German paper called the Michigan Democrat. Referred to Committee on Printing.

Of F. D. Striker, praying that walk may be filled up and graded in front of lot 1, north side of Congress street, A. Beaubien farm. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of A. M. Pitch, for permission to erect kitchen and sheds, in rear of building, on corner of Howard and First streets. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of J. Fox, for six foot walk on north side of Sibley street, from west side of Woodward avenue to west side of Park street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of D. Smart, for the calling of jury to vacate and close a portion of public alley, lying west of the east line of lots No. 63 and 64, in section No. 1, of G. and J. plan. Referred to Committee on Streets with power.

Of John O'Donnell, for permission to enter sewer on Woodward avenue. Granted, under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of A. Chaffee, for permission to drain lot 53, section 6, G. and J. plan, into Randolph street sewer, under the supervision of the City Surveyor. Granted.

Of A. E. Lyon, for permission to drain lots 25 and 67 in sec. 12, G. and J. plan, into the public sewer, in middle of Clifford street, under the supervision of the City Surveyor. Granted.

Of Wm. Brodie, for payment of claim of \$25.00. Referred to Committee on Claims.

Of Scanlon & O'Callaghan, and others, for Gas Light at foot of First street. Referred to Committee on Gas Light.

Communication was received from J. S. Vernon, Secretary of Eagle Fire Co. No. 2, inviting Council and City Officers to visit their Engine House, at close of the session.—Accepted.

A communication was received from Thomas Campan, tendering his resignation as City Surveyor, and on motion of Alderman Barclay, laid upon the table.

REPORTS.

The following accounts were reported by the City Auditor, as audited by him: P. Connelly, half month, making fires in Engine House, \$5.00; John Ulrich, cleaning City Hall, offices and cross walks, repairing lock, broom and candles, \$18.44; Detroit Fire Press, 25 copies Attorney's Brief in suit of Young Men's Society against City \$6.00; J. Andrews, services as night Fire Watchman from March 14 to April 14, 1854, \$45; L. B. Willard, Director of poor, for disbursements for the relief of 838 paupers in March, \$412.37; H. Barnes, advertising in 1852 in Detroit Tribune, 13,50; Jackson & Wiley, repairs for Engine No. 6, \$5.25; H. Gray, Sheriff, Jail fees and board of prisoners sentenced by Mayor's Court, from January 1, to April 10 1854, \$29.92. Allowed and ordered paid.

From the City Attorney, to whom was referred the application of J. D. Johnston, to be appointed to enumerate the census of the city of Detroit, for the year 1854, that the city had no authority to appoint such enumerator. Accepted.

From the City Attorney, upon the petition of Thos. Mayberry, recommending that the Street Commissioner be authorized, at the expense of the City to make such repairs on Orleans street, between Woodbridge street and Detroit river, as will place said street in good condition. Laid on the table.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons for a sidewalk on the east side of Park street, from George to Sibley street, beg leave to report that he finds on enquiry, the property owners don't deserve to have a walk built on said street at this time; I would also beg leave to report in favor of laying a new side walk on the west side of Third street from Michigan avenue to Porter street on the south side of Macomb street from Russell to Riopelle street.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

By a resolution of your honorable body I was directed to repair Michigan avenue, between Fifth and Sixth streets. I find that the expense of said repairs, done in a substantial manner, will amount to near a hundred and fifty dollars, I felt as though so large an expenditure ought not to be made without again consulting your honorable body, in hopes that you might devise a cheaper way by which the interest involved in said repairs may be satisfied.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Wm. Duncan, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reported sales of 798 feet of old hose, belonging to Fire Department, to the Board of Water Works, at 25 cents per foot. Report accepted.

John Patton, late Chief Engineer of Fire Department, makes the following report, which was adopted and ordered printed:

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned would report, that during the past year there have been thirty-three (33) fires, at twenty-five (25)

of which the Engines were used, and nine (9) were put out with buckets before the engines reached the ground.

Total amount of loss by fire during the year, was \$47,000; of the above amount, covered by insurance, \$22,000.

There has also been in the past year, nineteen false alarms, at which the Engines were called out. In the above estimate of loss by fires, I have placed the Presbyterian Church at \$20,000.

The City has seven Fire Engines in good order, one Hook and Ladder Carriage well supplied with Hooks and Ladders; two thousand eight hundred feet of Hose, of which about eighteen hundred feet is good, and the balance indifferent; eight Engine, and one Hook and Ladder House, several of which are much in need of repairs.

Accompanying this report you find a list of the Fire Wardens and members of the several Fire Companies. I would also make the following recommendations: That your honorable body will pass an ordinance to punish with fine or imprisonment any or all persons that shall raise a false alarm of fire. That it be made the special duty of the Chief Engineer to ascertain as near as may be, the cause or origin of every fire and to report the same to the Common Council. That there be purchased for use of the Fire Department, one thousand feet of Hose. That there be constructed during the year, twelve reservoirs, to be located under the direction of the Committee on Fire Department, and the Chief Engineer.

Engineers.....	3
Total number of Firemen.....	343
Fire Wardens.....	59
Total.....	405

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PATTON, Chief Engineer.

March 11, 1884.

Committee on Ways and Means reported in favor of granting petition of S. Britton to repair City Hearse at an expense not exceeding seventy-five dollars. Adopted.

The Committee on streets, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Sutamane and others for an advance in prices for building side and cross walks, report in favor of three cents per foot for six foot walks and an advance for other walks in proportion. Adopted.

W. W. WILCOX,
H. H. LEROY,
WM. BARCLAY.

To the Honorable Common Council:

The Committee on streets to whom was referred the petition of the Supervisors of the different road districts in this city, and particularly their charges made against the City Auditor and Commissioner on Streets, have made diligent inquiry into all the facts connected with this matter, as set forth by the petitioners, and for this purpose they ordered a meeting to be held and the Supervisors, City Auditor, and Commissioners were notified to be present, all of which were present, and requested to state their grievances as set forth in their petition so as to enable your committee to lay the subject matter before this body; and from the evidence presented your committee are unable to see or learn that the City Auditor or Commissioner on Streets have departed from their duty as officers of this Council, but have strictly obeyed the orders of the Common Council and also the city ordinances in connection with their legitimate duties. This being the case the Supervisors either wilfully or wantonly stepped out of their legitimate duties as men of honor, for the purpose of throwing disrespect and disgrace upon the above named officers, who have done no more than their duty demanded. In taking a view of the whole matter, on the evidence before your committee, we are of the opinion that the Supervisors are guilty of an act which is highly censurable by this Council; although your Committee are of the opinion that several of the Supervisors were not aware of the full effect that the signing of such a petition would subject them to.

* All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. WILCOX,
WM. BARCLAY,
H. H. LEROY.

Accepted.
To the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Walter Ingersoll and others asking the Council to cause side walks six feet in width with cross walks on both sides of First Street between Jefferson Avenue and Michigan Avenue, report in favor of so much of petition as refers particularly to cross and side walks, and that the Commissioner on Streets make an assessment of the same in accordance with law, and that so much of the petition as refers to the removal of fences to line of lots, except where they interfere with a six foot side walk, is not expedient at present to have the same removed.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. WILCOX,
H. H. LEROY,
WM. BARCLAY.

From the Committee on Streets, adverse to remonstrance of J. Copeland and others against paving Woodbridge street from Woodward Avenue to Beaubien street. Report laid upon the table.

From the Committee on Gas Lights, recommending the erection of Gas Lamps on the corner of St. Antoine and Fort streets. Adopted.

The City Attorney reported an ordinance "relative to night city watch." Laid on table and ordered printed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Ald. Barclay called from the table the following resolution offered at last meeting:

Resolved, That the Commissioner on Streets be allowed to employ (during the pleasure of the Council) a suitable person as Surveyor or to assist in establishing the grades of the city.

An ordinance "relative to cleaning paved or plank streets or alleys" was taken up, and on motion of Ald. Hull, laid on the table and ordered printed.

On motion of the Recorder the following resolution was taken from the table:

Resolved, That the proprietor of the Metropolitan Theatre, and he is hereby, required to retain and pay for the services of a City Police officer, whose duty it shall be to be at said Theatre on every exhibition day, for one hour before, during, and half an hour after each theatrical performance; that for the first hour and a half and the last half hour of said time, it shall be the duty of said officer to preserve order upon the side-walk and street in front of or adjacent to said theatre, and to arrest and commit to prison all who are guilty of breaches of the public peace. The balance of the time to be occupied in preserving the peace in and about said theatre; and that the Marshal be instructed to notify said proprietor.

Ald. Doyle moved to lay on table and instruct the Marshal to enforce existing ordinances. Lost as follows:

Yeas—Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Hull, Martin, Mayhew

Nays—Barclay, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Patton, Wilcox.

Ald. Doyle moved to refer to Recorder and City Attorney. Lost—Yeas 6, Nays 8.

The resolution was then adopted by preceding vote.

On motion of Ald. Patton the vote by which the report of the Committee on Fire Department was adopted, allowing building to remain on public ground corner of Fort and Griswold street was reconsidered, and the matter referred back to same committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Barclay,

Resolved, That the City Attorney bring in an ordinance with the recommendation of the late Chief Engineer relating to various false alarms of fire. Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay,

Resolved, That the Committee on Sewers inquire into the situation of the sewer on alley between Woodward avenue and Randolph street, running to the Detroit river, and whether it is necessary to enlarge said sewer or rebuild the same. Adopted.

Resolved, That the City Attorney be requested to examine the records of the city, for the purpose of ascertaining what title the city may have to the foot of Hastings street, and Bolivar alley, leading to the Detroit river. Adopted.

By Alderman Patton,

Resolved, That a sewer three feet in diameter be constructed on Brush street, from the alley north of Jefferson avenue to the main sewer on Fort street, also that the Brush street sewer be extended to Columbia street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Committee on Sewers inquire into and ascertain whether it is necessary to have a pool connected with the main sewer on Miami avenue, on the corner of John R. street and Miami avenue. Adopted.

By Alderman Martin,

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be directed to cause the side and cross walks on Fifth street, opposite to Crawford Park, to be so arranged as to make said walks correspond with curb line of said park. Referred to committee on streets.

By Alderman Martin,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to construct a cross walk on alley west side of sixth street, between Labross st., and Michigan avenue. Referred to Street Commissioner.

By Alderman Doyle,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the cross walk across Riopelle street on the south side of Jefferson avenue, to be repaired forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Doyle,

Resolved, That the City Clerk contract with the City Printer for printing and binding 50 copies of the proceedings of the Council for the last year, for the use of the members and officers of the Council, to be bound in the same manner as last year. Adopted.

By Alderman Doyle,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the side and cross walks on the east side of Kiopelle street, from Catherine to Gratiot street, to be laid down forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Doyle,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the cross walks on north and south side of Fort street east, across Russell street, also on the north and south side of Congress street across Russell, to be repaired forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Doyle,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the water courses on Fine and Bolivar streets to be opened immediately, so as to let water off of the same, as it is at present totally impassable for the occupants residing thereon. Referred to Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Barclay,

Whereas, The Common Council have received the mournful intelligence of the death of Captain A. Canfield, of the United States Topographical Engineers, and Chairman of the Special Commission lately selected by this

Council for the establishment and revision of grades for the City of Detroit. Therefore

Resolved, That we sincerely regret the bereavement which has thus deprived our country of one of its ablest officers, our city of one of its best citizens, and his family of a most affectionate husband and parent.

Resolved, That the Common Council, as a token of their respect for the virtues of the deceased, and of their sympathies with his bereaved family, will meet at this hall and proceed in a body to attend his funeral, on the appointed day.

Resolved, That the City Clerk transmit to the family of the deceased a certified copy of these resolutions.

Resolved, That this Council do now adjourn.

Adopted, and the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, April 25.

Council met and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, OLIVER M. HYDE.

Present—The Recorder, and Aldermen Collins, Craig, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of C. Paulus, for permission to move his building, on the north side of Michigan Avenue, ten feet. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of Eben Prentiss, for permission to erect a wooden building in the Eighth Ward. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of Eli Laderoot, for lease of "Hydraulic lot." Referred to City Attorney and Recorder.

Of G. Williams and others, for construction of six feet side walks on both sides of Second street, between Fort street and Jefferson Avenue, and removal of fences to line of lots. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Geo. Hager and others, for abatement of nuisance caused by standing water on the line of Pontiac Railroad in Fourth Ward.

Ald. Leroy moved that one Alderman from each ward constitute a committee to visit and examine the premises, and that the Railroad Company be notified of such visit. Carried.

Of A. Chapaton and others, for paving of Congress street, from Hastings street to the eastern line of the city. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of John Owen, David Thompson and others, asking for removal of buildings and rubbish on Campus Martius, and ornamenting of grounds by trees, &c.

On motion of Ald. Hull, the Marshal was instructed to remove the rubbish, and that portion of petition relative to ornamenting the Campus Martius was referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Of W. N. Carpenter and 61 others, for paving of Woodbridge street, from Woodward Avenue to Rivard street. Laid on table.

Of Louis Dupont, for reduction of rent of Upper Hay Scales. Referred to Committee on License.

Of Geo. W. Husan & Co., to drain lot on Congress street into Fort street sewer. Granted, under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of E. Shepard, to enter Park street sewer with a wooden drain from lot on Montcalm street. Granted, under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of C. I. Trombly and others, for delay in paving Franklin street, west of Beaubien street, until said street is opened to Brush street. Referred to Committee on Streets.

A communication was received from A. H. Stowell and Jas. McGrath relative to fine imposed by Mayor's Court on Jas. Cannan, and referred to Committee on Claims.

From Wm. McHutcheon, tendering his resignation as Supervisor of Third Ward. Resignation accepted.

REPORTS.

From the City Attorney, relative to claim of Dr. J. H. Bagg, that the claim is a just one, but that it could not be paid out of any fund without the repeal of an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to amend chapter 16 of the revised ordinances, and for other purposes." Accepted and adopted.

From the City Attorney, "an ordinance relative to false alarms of fire." Laid on table.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred a petition of sundry persons for the removal of fences and the widening of side walk on the east side of Randolph street, from Macomb to Croghan street, begs leave to report that the walk referred to is in good repair and six feet wide, and he does not think there is a necessity of any action in the matter at present. I would respectfully beg leave to report in favor of having the fences and steps removed on the south and north side of Croghan street, from Monroe Avenue to east line of city, and a good substantial walk six feet wide constructed on said street. A walk was ordered on the north side of Sibley street, from Woodward Avenue to Park street, some time ago, but I shall be unable to make an assessment for the same till the Assessors for the present year complete their assessments.

Respectfully, &c.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

April 25th, 1854.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, contract and

bond of Michigan State Bank, for receiving moneys of the city, &c. Adopted.

From the Committee on Sewers, in favor of extending the brick sewer in the alley between Woodward Avenue and Bates street to the river. Adopted, and the City Auditor directed to advertise for proposals.

From the Committee on Streets, that the repairing of Michigan Avenue, between Fifth and Sixth streets, would absorb all the road tax of the ward—that the sewer to be built in the adjacent street would remove most of the cause of complaint, and that it is inexpedient at this time to make such repairs. Adopted.

The undersigned, to whom was referred a resolution offered by Alderman Patton, for a sewer of three feet on Brush street, from the alley north of Jefferson Avenue to the main sewer on Fort street, also that the Brush street sewer be extended to Columbia street, think that it is necessary and do recommend that the said sewers be built.

I. W. INGERSOLL, Ch'n.

ISAAC FINEHART.

On motion, so much of report as referred to the three feet sewer was referred to the City Surveyor, and the balance of report was adopted.

From the Committee on Sewers, recommending that the Street Commissioner cause a Pool to be constructed on the corner of John R. Street and Miami Avenue, forthwith.

Adopted.

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred sundry petitions in relation to printing the proceedings of this Council in the German language, beg leave to report as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to contract with the "Michigan Democrat" to do such printing, at rates not exceeding the rates paid the "Michigan Volksblatt," for the last year.

JAMES COLLINS,

JOHN HULL,

Committee.

April 25, 1854.

Ald. Leroy moved to strike out "Michigan Democrat" and insert "Volksblatt." Lost, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Finehart, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Wilcox, and the Mayor—6.

Nays—Ald. Collins, Craig, Duncan, Fischer, Hull, and Martin—4.

Ald. Craig offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to advertise for proposals for printing the proceedings, legal notices and advertisements of the Council for the ensuing year, in a German paper, printed in this city, until Tuesday, May 2d, at 2 o'clock P. M., and report the same to this Council on Tuesday next.

On motion of Ald. Leroy, the petition of W. N. Carpenter and others, relative to paving Woodbridge street, was taken from the table.

Ald. Leroy moved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Ald. Ingersoll moved to amend by adding St. Antoine, Hastings, and Rivard streets, from Jefferson Avenue to the Detroit river, and Franklin from west end to Rivard street.

The amendment was accepted by Ald. Leroy.

The Mayor announced that the question would be upon the amendment, and it was lost.

The motion of Ald. Leroy was then adopted.

Ald. Hull moved to refer the amendment to the Committee on Streets. Carried.

On motion, the resignation of the City Surveyor was taken from the table.

Ald. Martin presented a statement from the Surveyor, showing the expense of hiring assistants for the ensuing year. The resignation and statement were referred to Committee on Streets.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Fischer,
Resolved, That a three feet sewer be constructed on Rivard street, from Fort street to Catharine street. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman Fischer,
Resolved, That the City Attorney be and is hereby instructed to report to the Common Council whether the so called Dequindre street is a public street or not. Adopted.

By Alderman Collins,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to cause the Supervisors of the different Wards to commence work on the streets forthwith, as their present condition is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants. Adopted.

Resolved, That the City Marshal notify the owners to remove the telegraph wires on the Mt. Clemens road forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Leroy,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to contract with some responsible person to clean the public squares and cross streets. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,}

Detroit, May 17, 1854.

BIDS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CUTTING
The grass in the Cemetery north of Gratiot Street, for the year 1854, will be received at my office until Monday, the 22d day of May, inst., at 12 o'clock, M. The contract will be awarded to the highest bidder, who shall tender the money, or security for the payment thereof, within thirty days.
may 18-4t AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, May 2.

Present—His Honor the Mayor, O. M. HYDE, the Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finchart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Howard & Woodhams, to allow lumber to remain for two or three weeks, near the corner of State and Farrar streets. **Granted.**

Of Joseph L. Heath, for permission to place a "Daguerrean Car" on the Campus Martius. **Referred to Committee on Streets.**

Of Wm. Penfield and others, for a "four" instead of a "three" foot sewer on Franklin Street. **Referred to Committee on Sewers.**

Of A. D. Fraser, for sewer in St. Antoine Street. **Referred to Committee on Sewers.**

Of A. D. Fraser, to ascertain the easterly line of Russell st. **Referred to Recorder, City Attorney and Auditor.**

Of Harvey King, relative to extension of water logs. **Referred to Committee on Hydraulics.**

Of Geo. S. Beal and others, for filling up of ditch crossing George street. **Referred to Street Commissioner.**

Of Jos. Hoek and others, asking, that the proceedings of the Council be published in the "Volkblatt." **Laid on table.**

Of J. W. Abbott, to drain cellar into Clinton street sewer. **Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.**

Of H. P. Bridge and others, for the relaying and protection of pavements. **Referred to Street Commissioner and Committee on Street.**

Of Wm. Moore, for leave to move building within fire limits. **Referred to Committee on Fire Department.**

Of Richard Hawley and others, for repairing side walks in Bates street. **Referred to Street Commissioner.**

Of L. O. Fuller and others, remonstrating against further paving of Congress street at present, and asking construction of sewers. **Referred to the Chairmen of Committees on Streets and Sewers.**

Of R. E. Roberts and others, for eight foot walk on south side of Congress, between Brush and Beaubien streets. **Referred to Street Commissioner.**

Of C. A. Trowbridge, relative to sewer in Bates street.—**Laid on table.**

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

S. Britton, interring two adults and three children, \$20.50; E. P. Christian, vaccinating 12 pauper children, \$3.00; Hospital, care of sick in April, \$64.29; J. Andrews, ringing alarm April 19, \$1.00; Water Commissioners, Hydrants for Engine House No. 1 and Hook and Ladder House, \$21.67; Slouch & Gilman, watching fire May 1st, \$4.00. **Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.**

From the City Auditor, proposals for publishing proceedings and legal notices of the Council in the German language. **Report accepted and proposals laid on the table.**

From the City Clerk, verdict and report of jury drawn to enquire whether the public convenience and advantage require the vacating and closing of a portion of a public alley lying west of the east line of lots No. 63 and 64, in section 1 of G. & J plan of the city of Detroit—that the same be vacated. **Verdict confirmed.**

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred a petition of George Williams and others for a side walk six feet wide on both sides of Second street, from Fort street to Jefferson Avenue, and for the removal of the fences to line of said street, begs leave to report in favor of granting the prayer of petitioners for a walk as asked for, and that so much of said fences as interfere with a walk of that width be removed. I would also beg leave to report in favor of building a new cross walk across an alley on the south side of Congress street, between Riopelle and Russell streets.

May 2, 1864.

JOHN KING, St. Com.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

I herewith submit assessment rolls for paving Bates street from the southern curb of Jefferson Avenue to opposite the southern end of Charles A. Trowbridge, Esq.'s brick warehouse at the foot of Bates street. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Detroit, May 2, 1864.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Adopted and assessment confirmed.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned, one of the Committee to whom was referred the application of Eli Laderoot, for the use of the lot near the old Barracks, purchased for the Hydraulic Works, is of opinion that the Board of Water Commissioners is the proper body to act in regard to the subject matter of said application, and would recommend that the application made by said Laderoot to your honorable body be denied.

Accepted. Wm. A. Cook, Recorder.
The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the City Treasurer's report of evidences of debt paid by him, report that they have examined the same and find it correct, together with the due bills and coupons accompanying it, which have been destroyed.

E. A. LANSING, } Committee.

Accepted. Wm. BARCLAY, }
The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

red the resolution of Alderman Patton, relative to allowing Abijah Joy, last Assistant Engineer, the sum of \$100 for last year's services, report that they have had the matter under consideration, and are of opinion that said resolution more appropriately belongs to the Committee on Fire Department, and would respectfully recommend its reference thereto, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

E. A. LANSING, } Committee.

Accepted. Wm. BARCLAY, }
The Committee on Ways and Means, and the City Auditor, to whom was referred the circular of "the Officers and Board of Managers of the Washington National Monument Society," report that they have carefully considered the same, and that, in their opinion, the object is one which should enlist the sympathy, and receive the material aid of every citizen of the United States; but your committee further report that a municipal corporation possesses no powers except such as are expressly granted in the acts of the legislature incorporating them, and cannot therefore, appropriate money for any object, however praiseworthy, unless it can be reasonably implied as the intention of the language expressed in the Charter.

We have been unable to find any such language in the Charter, and are of opinion that this is a case in which the freemen of the city alone have power to act.

E. A. LANSING, } Committee.

Wm. BARCLAY, }

Adopted. AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition of Charles T. Allen and others, and Joseph Aspinall and others, for making appropriations for the improvement of Grand Circus Park, report that they do not deem it expedient to tax the citizens for a further amount than has already been expended, except for the purpose of transplanting trees in the Grand Circus Park, for which your committee would recommend that the amount of \$100 be appropriated for such petition, the same to be referred to the freemen at the next meeting.

E. A. LANSING, } Committee.

Wm. BARCLAY, }

Adopted. Wm. BARCLAY, } Committee.
To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. H. Barse, asking this Council to pay an additional amount to his salary for reasons set forth, that he, the City Marshal, had such an amount of labor on account of there being no Street Commissioner, and that he went to an extra expense in procuring a suitable horse and equipments to do his whole duty; we therefore, in consideration of the whole matter set forth by the petitioner, report in favor of paying the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, as soon as money shall be collected from the tax of 1864. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. BARCLAY, Com. on Claims.

Adopted. A. T. HALL, City Auditor.
From Committee on Claims—in favor of allowing claim of Dr. Brodie.

A motion was made to lay on the table. **Lost.**

The report was then adopted, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finchart, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew and the Mayor—12.

Nays—Ald. Hull and Wilcox—2.
From the same Committee, adverse to claim of Jas. Cannon, for fine imposed by Mayor's Court, and recommending that the matter be referred to the City Attorney and Recorder. **Adopted.**

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resignation of the City Surveyor, beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be, and are hereby, authorized to employ such help as they may think necessary to assist the City Surveyor.

W. W. WILCOX, } Committee.

Adopted. H. H. LEROY, }
On motion of Ald. Ingersoll, the resolution of the last Council, authorizing building of sewer between Woodward avenue and Bates street, was reconsidered.

Ald. Ingersoll then offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby ordered to have a sewer built in the alley between Bates street and Woodward avenue, from the north side of Atwater street, to connect with the new plank box that was put in last year, or to the corner of the alley at the Custom House block. The sewer to be of brick, and of the proper size.

An ordinance "relative to paved or plank streets and alleys" was taken up, read the third time and passed.

An ordinance relative to false alarms of fire, was read the second time, and the rules suspended, and passed.

On motion of Ald. Leroy, the claim of Dr. Bagg, late Recorder, and the ordinance to amend an ordinance restricting the payment of officers of the Mayor's Court, was taken from the table.

The ordinance and claim were again laid on the table, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finchart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Martin, Mayhew and Wilcox—11.

Nays—Ald. Barclay, Leroy, and His Hon. the Mayor—3.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Ingersoll,
Resolved, That a sidewalk of plank, six feet wide, be laid on the west side of Randolph street, between Jefferson avenue and the alley next to the south side of the alley. **Referred to Street Commissioner, with power.**

By Ald. Ingersoll.

Resolved, That a sewer be constructed on Rivard street, from the north side of Franklin street to the Detroit River, of five feet diameter, and one of the same description on Hastings and St. Antoine streets, and that the City Surveyor be instructed to make an estimate for the same. Adopted.

By Ald. Ingersoll.

Resolved, That the City Attorney be instructed to bring in an ordinance amendatory of an ordinance relative to public drains and sewers, providing that each and every owner of lots fronting on streets through which sewers pass, or which are benefited directly or indirectly by such sewers, be required to pay a tax therefor, whether the sewer be used by them or not. Adopted.

By Ald. Hull.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to draw the water from George street into the Park street sewer. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner make an assessment for side and cross walks six feet wide on the south side of John R street, from west side of Miami avenue to the west side of Madison avenue. Adopted.

By Ald. Mayhew.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to contract for sidewalks six feet wide on both sides of Abbot street, from Fifth street to Seventh street; also to remove fences from the street. Adopted.

By Ald. Lansing.

Resolved, That the City Attorney be instructed to bring in an ordinance amending existing ordinances, so as to require the owners or occupants of all buildings fronting on any of the avenues or streets of the city, to have them distinctly numbered. Referred to City Attorney and Recorder.

By Alderman Mayhew.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to contract for cross walks across Woodbridge Street, on both sides of Sixth Street; and also to repair side walk on both sides of Sixth Street, from Woodbridge Street to Grand River Road. Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner make an assessment for a side and cross walk on the north-east side of Farmer Street, between Monroe Avenue and State Street, six feet in width, and cause the same to be put down as soon as possible. Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay.

Resolved, That a side and cross walk be ordered on the north-east side of Barrar Street, six feet in width, from the south-east side of Grand River Street to the south-east side of John R. Street, and the Commissioner on Streets make an assessment for the same, in accordance with the Ordinance made and provided. Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause an inlet to be constructed on the south corner of Grand River and Centre Streets, to the main sewer. Adopted.

By Alderman Leroy.

Resolved, That the City Auditor be requested to advertise and receive bids until Monday next, for the privilege of cutting the grass on Grand Circus and Centre Park, this season, reserving the right for the city to make use of said premises at any time, for the purpose of improving them; and that said privilege be given the highest bidder, and the proceeds be given to improve the grounds; and the proceeds be appropriated to improve said Park. Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay.

Resolved, That this Council order the paving of Bates Street from Jefferson Avenue to Congress Street. Also, Larned Street, from Woodward Avenue to Beaubien Street; and that the City Surveyor make an assessment of the same, in accordance with law.

By the Committee on Streets.

Resolved, That new warrant be issued and attached to all uncollected assessments for paving and for side and cross walks, and that said assessments be placed in the hands of the proper officer for immediate collection. Adopted.

By Ald. M. N. Duncan.

Resolved, That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby instructed to report to this Council, as soon as he convenes by law, an ordinance to amend Sec. 18 of Ch. 12 of the Rev. Ordinances of 1843, relative to public markets, so as to provide that the Clerk of the Market may order where vegetable stands shall be stationed, in addition to the other authority given him by said Sec. 18. Adopted.

By Alderman Leroy.

Resolved, That the Committee on Sewers be, and is hereby requested to examine the situation of streets and lots lying between the termination of Park and Clifford streets across east and west to Henry Street north, for the purpose of abating nuisances that now exist in consequence of the large amount of water now laying on the same, and that they recommend to this Council, at its next session, such measures to be taken as they may deem proper. Adopted.

By Alderman Finehart.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby instructed to cause the sidewalk on the north side of Congress Street, between Hastings and St. Antoine Streets, to be made level with the grade of Congress Street, without further delay. Adopted.

By Alderman Martin.

Resolved, That the City Auditor be directed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Clancy, for

twenty dollars, for building a frame work, filling in with earth, and planking over a deep gutter on Michigan Avenue, corner of Sixth Street, and that the same be paid out of the road tax. Adopted.

By Alderman Craig.

Resolved, That the City Attorney procure from the County Register's office an abstract of title of that part of Hastings and Bolivar Streets south of Atwater Street. Also, that part of Shelby and Cass Street south of Woodbridge Street, and of that part of Atwater Street west of the east line of the old Greely claim. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

DETROIT, May 4 1854.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT this Office, pursuant to the requirements of the following resolution, adopted by the Common Council at a regular session, held Tuesday, May 2, 1854, to wit:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be requested to advertise and receive bids until Monday next, for the privilege of cutting the grass on Grand Circus and Centre Park, this season, reserving the right for the city to make use of said premises at any time, for the purpose of improving them; and that said privilege be given the highest bidder, and the proceeds be given to improve the grounds; and the proceeds be appropriated to improve said Park.

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AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

A N ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO FALSE ALARMS

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the city of Detroit in Common Council convened, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, without reasonable cause, by outcry, or ringing of the bells or by proclaiming fire, or by any other means whatsoever, to make or circulate or cause to be made or circulated in any Ward in the City of Detroit, any false alarm of fire, and the person or persons so offending shall be punished on conviction before the Mayor's Court, or any other proper Court in said city to try the same, by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding sixty days, provided, however, that all proceedings under this ordinance shall be had on complaint before the proper court or magistrate.

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and dated at Detroit, the 2d day of May, A. D. 1854.

Attest: RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk. may-5-4tin10d

A T A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER

Commissioners of the city of Detroit held May 2, 1854, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted: **Whereas**, The Board of Water Commissioners of the city of Detroit, find that they are unable to supply the just demands for water of the people within the city limits, owing to the inadequate character of the present Works; and **Whereas**, It has been frequently, and we think, justly pressed upon us that we should first supply the citizens in the city, upon whom the burden of erecting the Works chiefly rests; therefore,

Resolved, That we will not further furnish water to any persons beyond the city limits, except to those who have the water at present, or right thereto from the sanction of the city authorities, heretofore received; that we will not pledge even to those any continuance of the water; that we will not renew logs or pipes; and that in all cases we will continue only to those now receiving the water, where we can manage so as to supply on terms we deem it expedient for the interests of the Works and our citizens to do so. Published by order of the Board.

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R. E. ROBERTS, Secretary.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

April 4, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:

To George Perrin, James Hamner, Richard Hawley, Elias E. Stuart, Samuel Stocking, Patrick Tregent, Sarah Hawley, Henry Wight, Eben N. Wilcox, Francis Van Antwerp, Darius Lamson, heirs of James Conner, John B. Williams, John J. Garrison, heirs of John Watson, Charles Moran, Daniel J. Campau, Thomas Chase, Dunklee, Wals & Co., Maxwell M. Fisher, James A. Van Dyke, Mrs. Margaret Hanks, Theodore Williams, Thomas Hawley, Nelson Tomlinson, Luther Beecher, Charles A. Trowbridge, Andrew T. and John McReynolds, John Farmer, heirs of John Thompson, and to the owners and occupants of property fronting on Bates Street, from the southern curb of Jefferson Avenue to opposite the southern end of the warehouse of C. A. Trowbridge, at the foot of Bates Street; and to all other persons interested.

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossins in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 16th day of May, A. D. 1854, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

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R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, May 9, 1854.

Present his Honor the Mayor, O. M. Hyde, the Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of P. P. Lefever, for permission to drain from lot 74, Sec. 1, G & J plan, into Randolph street sewer, under the superintendence of the city Surveyor.

Of Wm. Cole, for abatement of nuisance in gutter on the north side of Michigan avenue, west of Seventh st. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Richard Inglis and others, for removal of obstructions on southeast corner of State and Griswold streets. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Memorial of S. B. Morse relative to side and cross walks. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of Richard Teal and others, asking that the Street Commissioner be authorized to remove leached ashes, in the alley between Rosalie and St. Lawrence streets, west of Prospect street. Referred to Committee on Health.

Of John Blindbury and others, for side and cross walks on George street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of J. Waltz and H. Litz, for permission to construct a sewer in the alley between Clinton and Mullet streets, east of Russell street, and to enter same into Russell street sewer. Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of S. M. Holmes and others, for paving of Congress st. Laid on table.

A communication was received from the proprietor of the Marsh troupe, inviting the Common Council and City Officers to visit their exhibition at Firemen's Hall, Wednesday evening. Accepted.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts allowed by him: S. Davis, keys and repairs for offices and City Hall market, \$1.88. J. Andrews, ringing fire alarm night of May 1st, \$2.00.

The undersigned, pursuant to instructions, has advertised for, and received sealed proposals for the privilege of cutting the grass in the Centre, and Circus parks for the season, as follows:

From Eben Prentiss, for Centre Park, ten dollars.
do J. H. Leroy, do do do fifteen dollars.
do do do West Circus Park, ten dollars.
do do do East do do five dollars.

Mr. Leroy being the highest bidder, is entitled to the contract.

The original proposals are herewith enclosed.

AMOS T. HALL.

Accepted and Auditor ordered to contract.

The City Clerk reported that three suits had been commenced in the Circuit Court against the city. Damages laid at \$3,000 in each case. One by Robert Dermont, one by Philo Parsons, et al., and one by John S. Cuthbert, et al. Referred to City Attorney.

From the City Attorney, an ordinance to amend section eighteen, chapter 12, of the Revised Ordinances of 1848, relative to public markets. Laid on table.

The City Treasurer reported evidences of debt paid, May 8th, 1854.

Bonds	\$600.00
Interest	4.091.62
	\$4,691.62

Examined, approved, credited to Treasurer, and vouchers canceled and filed in my office, May 8th, 1854.

AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

Accepted and referred to committee on Ways and Means.

To the Honorable Common Council:
The undersigned to whom was referred sundry petitions for side walks and the grading thereof, beg leave to report in favor of closing the areas, removing all obstructions and causing a side walk to be built on Bates street, from Jefferson Avenue to the River as asked for by the petitioners; also in favor of grading the side walk on the south side of Congress street, from Brush street to Hastings street, and that a walk be ordered on said south side of Congress street from Brush to Beaubien street, eight feet wide, as asked for by petitioner. JOHN KING, Street Com.

May 9th, 1854.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of H. C. Bridge and others relative to the situation of the pavement on Congress street, begs leave to report that the evil complained of has been removed.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

May 9th, 1854.

The Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Paulus, to remove his building on the north side of Michigan avenue, two feet, report in favor of granting the prayer of said petitioner.

May 9th, 1854.

The Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of William Moore, for permission to remove a frame building on the rear part of his lot between Second and First streets, Cass farm, to be occupied by him as a barn, report in favor of granting said petition, providing said building does not exceed the size established by the city ordinance for said purposes.

The Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of Eben Prentiss, for permission to erect

within the Fire limits a new wooden building, report adverse to the prayer of said petitioner.

The Committee on Sewers to whom was referred the memorial of Alex. D. Fraser, Esq., relative to the construction of a Sewer on St. Antoine street, from the river to Jefferson Avenue, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sewer already ordered to be constructed on St. Antoine street, from the river to Franklin street, be continued (of the dimensions of four feet) from said Franklin street to the grand sewer on Fort street.—Adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the resolution of Alderman Lefroy, relative to the situation of the lots lying between the termination of Park and Clifford street sewers, report that they are of opinion that the Park street sewer should be extended two and a half blocks.—Adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of L. G. Fuller and others against paving Congress street, from Hastings street, to the east line of the city, submit the following report:

Your committee find upon examination, that there are sewers in Riopelle, Russell and Orleans streets, to take off the surface water. They therefore think it unnecessary to build a sewer in Congress street, and recommend that the paving be continued from Hastings to eastern line of city.

J. W. INGERSOLL, Chn. Com. on Sewers.
W. W. WILCOX, " " " Streets.

Laid on table.

To the Common Council:
The undersigned committee, to whom was referred a resolution to construct a three foot sewer on Rivard street, from Catherine to Fort-st., respectfully report that a three foot sewer is needed from Clinton to Congress-st., along Rivard, to connect with the Congress-st. sewer, and recommend that the resolution be amended accordingly and adopted.

I. W. INGERSOLL,

Adopted.
From committee on sewers, adverse to petition of W. Penfield and others, for four instead of three foot sewer on Franklin-st., from Riopelle to Orleans-st. Adopted.

Committee on Hydraulics, to whom was referred a memorial of Harvey King, for relief from water tax, report in favor of granting prayer of petitioner. Adopted.

To the Hon. Common Council.

The undersigned committee on gas, to whom was referred the petition of C. O'Callaghan, and others, to have a gas light placed on the corner of First-st. at the wharf, ask leave to report that they have examined into the principle of placing gas lamps on the wharf, and are of the opinion that the former resolution did not intend to place lamps on the front of warehouses, back from the corner of the streets, but that they, the committee, intended to place the lights on the corner of buildings on streets leading to the Detroit river; and they are further of the opinion that the principle adopted, or carried into effect by individuals is wrong and ought immediately be remedied, viz: of placing lamps on the corner of a warehouse building, whereby the same appears to be more of a private benefit than public good. They would therefore recommend that the gas lamps be removed, and placed, in accordance with a resolution of Alderman Chittenden, before this council, and adopted October 26th, 1853, defining the location of gas lamps, and would add to the same, one in the centre of each block where the gas is carried into the warehouse. Your committee would further state, that they will, at the next meeting of the Council, report a system of gas lights, &c., in the city, for your consideration. Adopted.

H. H. LEROY, } Com. on Gas.
W. C. DUNCAN, }

The Committee on Licenser, to whom was referred the petition of Louis Dupont, weighmaster of the upper scales, for reducing the rent of said scale, on account of the defective condition of the old scales, report in favor of a deduction of twenty dollars on the first quarter's rent, for his loss of time and the small amount of weighing done at the old scale.

P. FISCHER,
I. W. INGERSOLL,
EDWARD LYON.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Craig, the proposals for printing the proceedings of the Common Council and legal notices in the German language were taken from the table and opened, to wit:

One from the "Volkblatt," to do the printing at \$1.75; one from the "Democrat," to do the same for \$1.50.

Mr. Leroy moved to give the printing to the lowest bidder. Adopted, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Hull, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox, and Mayor—15.

Nays—Ald. Ingersoll—1.

On motion the auditor was directed to contract with the proprietors of the *Democrat* for printing proceedings and legal notices of the Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Fischer,
Resolved, That the City Marshal be and is hereby instructed to cause all obstructions on the foot of Hastings street to be removed forthwith. Referred to Committee on Streets.

By the Committee on Streets,
Resolved, That the highway tax for the year 1854 be levied and collected at the rate of ten cents on each one hundred dollars of the assessment. Adopted.

By Ald. Ingersoll,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put down proper culverts at the corners of Hastings and Congress streets, to carry off the surface water. Adopted.
Resolved, That a sewer be constructed on Beaubien street, of three feet diameter, commencing at the alley on the north of Jefferson avenue, to the grand sewer on Fort street. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

By Ald. Wilcox,
Resolved, That the City Attorney be instructed to bring in an amendment to section seven of chapter thirty-three of the Revised Ordinances of 1848, relative to the use of streets and alleys, making it an offence for any person or persons to excavate, dig or take up any pavement or paved street within the city of Detroit without the written consent of the Street Commissioner, on application to said Commissioner in writing, signed by the person or persons making application. Adopted.

By Ald. Doyle,
Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an assessment for a three feet sewer in Rivard street from Clinton to Congress street, and from Rivard in Congress street, to connect with the Russell street sewer. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

The Council adjourned.

R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
 DETROIT, May 12, 1854.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT
 this office until Saturday, the 20th day of May instant, at 12 o'clock M., for cleaning that portion of the new streets, avenues and alleys, for which the city at large is chargeable; the work to be first done on Friday, the 20th day of May instant, and on every second Friday thereafter, until the first day of December next; and at the same time to remove and dispose of the dirt that may be thrown into heaps by citizens on other portions of the pavements.

The contractor will be required to clean up and remove dirt from the pavements in any part of the city at the same prices as shall be paid for the work first specified, whenever required so to do by the Committee on Streets, or by citizens who shall secure him payment for said work. The right to accept or reject any or all of said proposals is reserved. By order of the Committee on Streets.
 may14-td AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

PAY PAVING ASSESSMENT AND SAVE THE PER CENTAGE.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
 DETROIT, May 18, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE AS-
 sessment rolls for grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings on Bates street, from the southern curb of Jefferson avenue to opposite the southern end of the Warehouse of C. A. Trowbridge, have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer to whom those interested may make payment until the 10th day of June, 1854, after which time they will be placed in the hands of the Marshal, and five per cent. added, for collection.
 may19-td RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION EIGH-
 teen of chapter twelve of the Revised Ordinances of 1848, relative to public markets.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the city of Detroit, in Common Council convened, That section eighteen of chapter twelve of the Revised Ordinances of 1848, entitled An Ordinance relative to Public Markets, in hereby amended by adding thereto, after the word manner, in the third line, "and shall remain stationed at such place or places."

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and dated at Detroit, the 23d day of May, A. D. 1854.
 OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.
 Attest: RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk. may23-4t

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR.

WHEREAS, BY A RESOLUTION OF THE Common Council, the Mayor is requested to call a meeting of the Freeman of the City of Detroit, to take into consideration the propriety of assenting to the levying and collecting taxes pursuant to law, for the following purposes, to wit:

For defraying the expenses of Fire Department.
 For contingent fund purposes, and for the support of the City Poor.

For the construction of new Street Lamps and fixtures.
 For the improvement of the Grand Circus, Centre and West Parks.

For the purposes of the General Road Fund, and
 For the construction of Public Sewers.
 For the construction of Bell Tower, purchase of Site, Bell and Town clock.

NOW THEREFORE, In compliance with said resolution, the Freeman of the City of Detroit are hereby requested to convene at the City Hall, on Monday, the 29th day of May, instant, at 3 o'clock P. M., to consider and act on the matters referred to in the resolutions of the Common Council.

OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.
 MAYOR'S OFFICE, Detroit, May 25th, 1854. may26-3t
 City papers please copy.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, May 16th, 1854.

Present His Honor, the Mayor, O. M. Hyde, the Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Duncan, Finehart, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS, &c.

Of Aaron, Griffin, for permission to erect a tent on Campus Martius to exhibit an ox weighing near 4000 pounds.

Two petitions—one signed by W. E. Stearns and others, and one by D. Esdell and others, for permission to use a portion of the Campus Martius for Daguerrean car. Prayer of petitioners refused.

Remonstrance of Chauncy Hulbert, and other property holders on Congress street, east of Hastings, against paving said street east of Hastings street. Laid on the table.

Patition of C. F. Davis and others, for sewer on Congress street to remove standing water caused by paving same.—Referred to Committee on Health.

Of C. Hulbert and others, protesting against the building of sewer as commenced in the alley between Bates street and Woodward avenue.

Ald. Patton moved to refer to special committee of three with power. Lost yeas 6, nays 8.

Ald. Barclay moved to refer to committee on Sewers, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Council, the probable cost of the sewer now ordered and in progress of construction, and also the probable expense of a new sewer two and a half feet in diameter to take the place of the old one. Carried.

Of J. A. Van Dyke and others, relative to grading alley from Bates to Randolph street, south of Jefferson avenue. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Daniel Michael and others, for side walk on south side of Elizabeth street, between Williams and Brush streets.—Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of K. C. Barker and others, for an assessment for paving alley between Shelby and Wayne streets, and Fort and Lafayette streets. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Geo. V. N. Lothrop and others, asking that paving on Woodbridge street, from Antoine street east be only 28 feet from curb to curb, and that the natural grade of the street may be retained. Referred to Committee on Streets, and Commission on Streets.

Of late City Clerk, for payment of \$175 now due him by the City. Referred to City Auditor.

Of B. Vernor, Secretary of Locomotive Works, for permission to enter sewer between Larned and Congress streets, and Third and Fourth streets. Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Affidavit of John Farmer, and communication from John R. Williams, relative to assessment for paving Bates street. Referred to City Attorney and Recorder.

The following communication was received:

DETROIT, May 16th, 1854.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Detroit:

In behalf of the Fire Department of this City I would hereby tender you an invitation to be present at their annual inspection and review, which takes place in front of Firemen's Hall next Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, trusting you will honor us with your presence.

I remain respectfully yours,

WILLIAM DUNCAN, Chief Engineer.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

DETROIT, May 16th, 1854.

To the Honorable the Common Council of Detroit:
 Having received the following notice, I herewith submit the same for your consideration. JOHN CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

TO THE CITY TREASURER: SIR—You will please deposit all moneys collected on paying assessments to my credit in the Peninsular Bank, and their pass book showing such deposits shall be at all times considered as a receipt from me.
 SAMUEL FRENCH.

Detroit, May 12th, 1854.

Mr. French, by permission of the Council, explained the object of the communication, and the subject was referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

E. P. Christian, salary due May 15, 1854.	25 00
L. B. Willard, do do do 18, do	25 00
Thos. Campau, do do do 18, do	66 67
John Campbell, do do do 18, do	58 33
E. Laderoot, do do do 15, do	50 00
John King, do do do 14, do	75 00
Francis McDonald, do do do 15, do	33 33
Amos T. Hall, do do do 16, do	166 67
J. Knox Gavin, do do do 3, do	25 00
Richard starkey, do do do 3, do	50 00
L. B. Willard, refunding erroneous sale for taxes twice assessed and interest.	1 11
E. Choze, repairing tongue spring Baptist church bell.	8 00
J. Andrews, ringing fire alarm, night 8th instant.	2 00
L. B. Willard, disbursements in April, for relief of 485 paupers.	187 44
Allowed and ordered paid.	

The undersigned on the 29th March, 1853, reported to your Honorable body relative to the failure of certain retreating city officers to pay over the moneys collected by

them, which report was accepted and referred to the City Attorney, with instructions to take the necessary steps for collection. The matter was repeatedly and earnestly urged upon the late Attorney, during the remainder of his term of office, but at the request of the bondsmen of the delinquent, who hoped to obtain a settlement with him, he was induced to delay commencing suit until his term of office expired; and I therefore respectfully recommend that our present City Attorney be instructed to commence suit forthwith.

Accepted and adopted.
From the City Attorney. An ordinance to amend sec. 7 of chap. 33 of revised ordinances of 1843, relative to the use of streets and alleys; An ordinance to amend chapter fifty of the revised ordinances of 1843, relative to numbering buildings in Detroit; An ordinance to amend chapter fifteen of the revised ordinances of 1843, relative to public drains and sewers—read once and laid on the table.

From the Street Commissioner, recommending that side walks be built on south side of George street. Adopted.
City Treasurer's Office,
Detroit, May 16, 1854.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I would inform you that there is outstanding and due for rent of stalls in City Hall Market, the following sums:

John Bigley, Stall No. 5,	43.75.
do do do 7,	43.75.
Ludwig Kosted, do 10,	31.25.
Hiram Freeman, do 19,	16.25.
Total	\$134.99

all of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Treasurer.
Referred to City Attorney, with instructions to commence proceedings for collecting.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I hereby submit assessment rolls, for paving Atwater st. from St. Antoine street to Orleans street; and also for paving Woodward avenue from the southern curb of Jefferson Avenue, to the centre of Atwater street.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Detroit, May 16, 1854.

THOMAS COMPEAU, City Surveyor.

The Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of Andrew M. Fitch, for permission to build a frame addition to his building, would report adverse to the prayer of petitioner, as in their opinion it would be a direct violation of the ordinance.

JOHN PATTON, } Committee.
E. A. LANSING, }
Adopted. H. H. LEROY, }

The Committee on sewers, to whom was referred the resolution to construct a sewer three feet in diameter on Beaubien street from the alley north of Jefferson avenue, to connect with grand sewer on Fort street, would report in favor of the same. Adopted.

To the Hon. Common Council:

The undersigned, Committee on Gas lights, who was instructed to cause a Gas Meter to be placed as a regulator, in the City Hall building, beg leave to report that they have had the work executed, and placed so as to be accessible at any time, by your committee, or any other officers, and by this means ascertain the amount of gas used from the Gas Company in lighting the several gas lights throughout the City; they would further recommend, that the gas lighters be instructed to meet at the City Hall Regulator, there light first, and proceed to light all others in the City as soon as possible, and in like manner also, commence to extinguish lights, first at the City Hall Regulator, then proceed throughout the City, as above. Your Committee believe by adopting this principle, that a good understanding may long exist between the City Gas Company and this Corporation; and further, there is at present in the City 206 Gas lamps, and from experience obtained by your Committee, they deem it proper here to present to this Council a system of placing gas lights on corner of streets, and centre of blocks, so as to prevent confusion, and anticipations of owners and occupants of lots and premises, claiming to have one on their corner, right or wrong; your Committee would therefore recommend the following for the consideration of this Council: commencing on Jefferson avenue as far as consistent with lamp-posts and lights already placed, and running from thence north-west and south-east, according to the recorded plan of the City, on every alternate corner, at an angle of 45 degrees, as near as circumstances will permit of, and where there is a long block, that there be placed two additional lamps in centre at the same angle, and that all lamp-posts hereafter be placed six inches from the outside of curb stone, and that no gas lamp be placed on any street or alley, except under the direction of Committee on Gas, or other authorized officer of the Common Council, and the City Auditor is directed to keep a record of the same, and cause a copy of each lamp post to be placed on a city map kept for that purpose.

H. H. LEROY, } Committee.
W. C. DUNCAN, }
Adopted. WM. BARKLEY, }

To the Hon. the Common Council of Detroit:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of James Cannan, asking for the payment to him of a sum equal to the amount of a certain fine imposed upon him by the Mayor's court in the year 1853, with costs, beg leave to report that they have given the same careful consideration, together with the accompanying certificates of the late Ald. Stewell and Mr. James McGrath, and are of opinion

that Mr. Cannan's claim is just, and ought to be allowed, and recommend that the Auditor be directed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Cannan, for the sum of thirty eight dollars.

Wm. A. Cook, Recorder.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

Report accepted and adopted.

Ald. Barclay moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted. Lost as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Hull and Wilcox—4.

Nays—Ald. Collins, Duncan, Finelhart, Ingersoll, Lansing, LeRoy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and the Mayor.—11.

On motion, the report of Chairman of Committee on Streets and Sewers, and petitions for and remonstrances against paving Congress east of Hastings street, were taken from the table.

On motion of Ald. LeRoy the whole matter was referred to Committee on Streets.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Collins,

Resolved, That a drain of the necessary dimensions be put down on Third street, from Woodbridge street to the River, as the health of the inhabitants requires immediate steps to be taken in order to carry off the water which is creating a nuisance in that neighborhood. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Resolved, That the City Surveyor cause an assessment to be made for the taking up and relaying the paving on Woodbridge street, from Second to Third streets, and that the same be repaired forthwith. Referred to Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby required to report to this Council at their first meeting in each month, the amount of money expended in each road district. Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay,

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets and Sewers have authority to permit excavations in the streets and alleys, and also connections with the public sewers, to be made by the Board of Water Commissioners when applied for, and they deem the same expedient. Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay,

Resolved, That the City Auditor advertise until Monday the 22d instant, at 12 o'clock M., for bids for the privilege of cutting the grass in the Cemetery for the year 1854, and that he contract with the highest bidder. Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay,

Whereas, it appears by affidavits on file that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property fronting on Bates street, from the southern curb of Jefferson avenue to opposite the southern end of the warehouse of C. A. Trowbridge, at the foot of Bates street; or to any other person or persons interested, that the Common Council would on the 16th day of May, A. D. 1854, meet and review the reports and the assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 2d day of May, A. D. 1854, to defray the expenses of grading, paving, and setting the curb stone, and crossings opposite or adjacent to the above described premises; and

Whereas, All objections to said assessments, or the confirmation thereof, have been duly considered; therefore

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed; that the descriptions of premises, and the names of persons contained therein are received as correct, that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones, which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same, according to law. Adopted.

By Alderman LeRoy.

Resolved, That the assessors are hereby required to return a list or the names of 200 legally qualified voters from their respective districts to serve as Jurors in the Mayor's Court, pursuant to section 2 page 33 of the Revised Charter. Adopted.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION SEVEN.

of chapter thirty three of the Revised Ordinances of 1843, relative to the use of streets and alleys.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Detroit in Common Council assembled, That section seven of Chapter thirty three of the Revised Ordinances of 1843, entitled An Ordinance relative to the use of Streets and Alleys, is hereby amended by adding to said section seven of said chapter thirty three of said ordinance, after the word same, and between the word same and the word and in the ninth line of said section seven, the following, to-wit: and there of.

But it shall not be lawful for any person or persons (except the Board of Water Commissioners, by consent of the Committee on Streets and Sewers) within the limits of said city to excavate, dig or take up any pavement or paved street-side or cross-walk, or to dig any hole, ditch, or drain, upon any of the public pavements or paved streets, or for any other purpose whatsoever in said city without having obtained the written consent of the Street Commissioner, upon written application to said Street Commissioner, signed by the person or persons making application for the same.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and dated at Detroit, the twenty third day of May, A. D. 1854.

Attest: RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk. OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.

May 27-54

COMMON COUNCIL.

Tuesday, May 23, 1884.

Council met and was called to order by His Honor, the Mayor, O. M. Hyde.

Present, the Recorder, W. A. Cook, and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of A. Hoffmeyer, and other Hucksters in City Hall Vegetable Market, for fence around the same. Referred to Committee on Markets.

Of Conrad Gies and others, asking that the sewer on Antoine street be constructed four feet in diameter from River to Grand sewer on Fort street, and extended thence to Clinton street. Referred to Committee on sewers.

Of E. J. Desnoyers, to extend present prohibitory limits for cows running at large. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Of John V. Mebling and others, for paving alley in rear of premises owned by them on north side of Woodward Avenue. Referred to Committee on streets.

Of H. K. Andrews, for permission to connect his drain on Larned street with his drain on Wayne street. Granted, under the supervision of the City Surveyor.

Of John Brown, to connect drain from lot 39, Sec. 7, G. and J. plan, with Woodward Avenue sewer. Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of H. P. Baldwin, Z. Chandler, and Chas. Waterman, for permission to construct a private sewer in the alley commencing in rear of lots 2 and 3, Sec. 1, G. and J. plan, to Grand sewer in Congress street. Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of E. Hall and others, for filling up under the side walk on the south side of Congress, between Hastings and St. Antoine streets. Referred to Street Commissioner, with power.

Of Thomas McGollock, for permission to erect kitchen in place of one torn down. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of Eli Laderoot, City Marshal, for salary for Deputy Marshal. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company:—

Resolved, That the right of way be and is hereby granted by the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company to the City of Detroit, to construct and keep in repair brick sewers through the premises of said Company, extending from the foot of Brush, Beaubien and St. Antoine streets, to the outside face of the Company's Dock, upon such line and position as said Company shall indicate, whenever any of said sewers are about to be constructed, subject to the rights which other parties now hold on said premises, upon condition that the Company shall have the right to drain their own premises through the said sewers, and that the same shall be constructed with such care and strength as to provide against the probable necessity of repairs where the sewers pass under the buildings and tracks of said Company; and in case said repairs become at any time necessary, that the same shall be made without delay.

Resolved, That the Secretary send a copy of the above Resolution to the Common Council of the City of Detroit.

DETROIT, May 22, 1884.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy from the minutes of the Detroit and Pontiac Rail Road Company, of resolutions the Directors, adopted May 19, 1884.

J. V. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Sewers, Recorder, and City Attorney.

REPORTS.

From the City Attorney, the following accounts audited by him:

John Reno, assessing 2nd District 55 days, of \$110; Justin Higgins, assisting assessor Third District, 30 days, \$60; J. M. Aspinall, copying Fifth Ward assessment; 13 days, \$20; F. W. Hughes, copying Sixth Ward assessments, 14 days, \$28; F. W. Schwein, assisting assessor Third District, 3 days, \$6; F. W. Hughes, copying Third, Fourth, and Seventh Ward assessments, 19½ days, \$39; John Farrar, assisting assessor First District, 60 days, \$120; James Hammer, assessing 63 days First District, \$126; John B. Schmidli, 25 days assisting assessor of Second District, \$50; A. H. Stowell, assessing Third District, 63 days, \$126; John F. Munro, copying First and Eighth Ward assessments, \$30; John Ulrich, cleaning City Hall and Offices, 5 weeks, \$22.50; Moors & Jackson, pump furnished Street Commissioner, \$10; Charles Jackson, \$63. Allowed and ordered paid.

An account of Joseph Tresten and Ellis Papin for trees and paint for Grand Circus, for \$66.67, was referred to City Auditor, with power.

The undersigned, to whom was referred the memorial of H. S. Roberts, late City Clerk, relative to fees due him in Mayor's Court, reports: That Sec. 4 of the ordinance ordained Feb. 19th, 1880, provides that "hereafter all fines and other process of the Mayor's Court of said City, shall be kept as and constitute a separate and distinct fund, to be used for the payment of the officers of said Court, and other expenses thereof, and for no other purpose whatever—and no charge or account, whether the same be for the fee of any officer, or other expense of said Court, shall be paid, save out of the said fund." This ordinance strictly forbids the payment of the above mentioned claim, "save

out of the Mayor's Court Fund," and is obligatory upon the Common Council and all the officers of the Mayor's Court, unless released by the provisions of a higher law.

The acts of the Legislature of this State which compose the City Charter, have been construed to have precedence over City Ordinances, whenever their provisions conflict, and the charter makes a provision with regard to the City Clerk, which does not exist for any other officer of the Mayor's Court.

Section 35 on page 37 of the Revised Charter, says "that the Clerk of the said City shall be the Clerk of the said Mayor's Court, and shall be entitled to demand and receive all the fees and perquisites belonging to said office."

In view of the foregoing action of the Charter, I respectfully recommend that Mr. Roberts be allowed one hundred and seventy-five dollars, payable out of the Common Fund when there is money to the credit of said Fund, in full for all services as City Clerk, or Clerk of Mayor's Court.

AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

Accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Streets, and the City Auditor report, That pursuant to the provisions of the Ordinance relative to cleaning paved streets, they have advertised for proposals, and received one from Charles O'Neil, to clean crossings for one dollar per square rod, and draw away the dirt for fifty cents per square rod on those parts cleaned by citizens. It is estimated that there is 1200 square rods of crossings, which at \$1 per rod, will amount to the sum of \$1200. There are 3,000 square rods which will be cleaned up by citizens, which at 50 cents per rod is \$1,500, making in the aggregate, \$2,700.

It is estimated that by hiring a team, and a sufficient number of men, the entire work of cleaning the paved streets can be done for the sum of \$1,200, and they therefore recommend that the Committee be authorized to employ men and a team to perform said work; and that whenever citizens desire it, they be authorized to clean on the avenues at the rate of ten cents per foot front on each side, and that on streets of sixty feet or less in width, said cleaning shall be done at the rate of five cents per foot front on each side of said street. Adopted.

W. W. WILCOX, } Committee
H. H. LEROY, } on
WM. BARCLAY, } Streets.
AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

The City Attorney and the City Auditor, to whom was referred the memorial and affidavit of John Farmer, report that they have duly considered the matter referred, and find that the assessment confirmed by your honorable body May 16th instant, for paving Bates street in front of lot No. 183, is correct, and recommend that no alteration be made therein. They also find that the assessment made May 6, 1881, for paving the crossing of the alley west of Bates street, and the crossing of Bates and Atwater streets, did not include the lots which are made by the city ordinance, liable for a part of the expense of such paving, and therefore recommend that an assessment upon said lot or lots be made by the City Surveyor, for the amount for which they are liable, and that when collected the amount be refunded to those who were overcharged in 1881.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

Accepted and adopted.

From the Recorder and City Attorney, recommending that twenty-four dollars and twenty cents be abated from assessment of John R. Williams for curbing Bates street.—Adopted.

To the Honorable the Common Council of Detroit:—

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James Abbot and others, asking that a jury may be drawn and empanelled, to decide upon the expediency of widening Griswold street from Jefferson avenue to the Detroit River, so as to make that portion of said street of the same width as the portion between Jefferson avenue and State street, beg leave to report that they are fully impressed with a conviction of the importance of the improvement contemplated by said petition, but inasmuch as to grant the prayer of said petition would unquestionably involve the city in an expense of several thousand dollars, and as there are no funds in the treasury that could be appropriated to defray such expense, and as it has not been customary for the Council to order the opening, widening, or extension of streets or avenues, without a bond or other agreement from parties immediately and especially interested in the contemplated improvement, being filed with the City Clerk, conditioned for the payment of all expenses and damages incurred by making such improvement, and no such bond or agreement having been presented or filed with this petition, the committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be denied.

WM. COOK, Recorder.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Atty.

DETROIT, May 23, 1884.

Adopted.

From John King, Street Commissioner, recommending that new sidewalks be constructed on the south side of Elizabeth street from Williams to Brush street; also on south side of Congress street, in front of county building.

To the Honorable the Common Council:—

I herewith submit to your honorable body assessment rolls for paving Woodbridge street from the eastern curb of Woodward avenue to the centre of Randolph street inclusive.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPBELL, City Surveyor.

DETROIT, May 23, 1884.

Accepted.

From the City Surveyor—estimates for proposed sewers. On motion of Ald. Hull, referred to a special committee of five.

The Mayor appointed as said committee Ald. Hull, Barclay, Ingersoll, Leroy, and Wilcox.

From Eli Laderoot, City Marshal, that two actions in replevin and one for trespass had been commenced against the city to recover damages for impounding cattle in city pound. Referred to City Attorney.

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the communication of John Campbell, City Treasurer, relative to depositing in the Peninsular Bank to the credit of Samuel French, all moneys collected on paving assessments to which said French may be entitled, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that there is no objection in acceding to the request of Mr. French on the part of the City Treasurer, upon the conditions set forth in said communication. Accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resolution of Ald. Collins, for a drain at the foot of Third street, from Woodbridge street to the river, reported in favor of the same, and recommended that the Street Commissioner cause a drain to be built of proper dimensions, and that the cost of same be charged to the Road District No. 1. Adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resolution of Ald. Collins for taking up and relaying the paving on Woodbridge street, from Second to Third street, reported in favor of the same, and that the City Surveyor make necessary assessment. Adopted.

The Committee on Health, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Teal and others, for the abatement of a nuisance in the alley west of Prospect street, report in favor of directing the Street Commissioner to request the person who deposited the ashes in the alley to remove them forthwith. Adopted.

The Committee on Health, to whom was referred the petition of C. F. Davis and others, report that in their opinion a nuisance exists, as complained of, and that the only effectual manner of abating the same is by filling the lots to correspond with the grade of the street, and recommend that the City Marshal notify all owners or occupants of lots fronting on Congress street, between Hastings and St. Antoine streets, to fill said lots forthwith, to abate said nuisance. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Sewers, relative to granting Water Commissioners permission to enter sewers and drains, was laid on table.

Report of City Assessors, with names of jurors for Mayor's Court in 1854 was accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion, an ordinance to amend section 18, chapter 12, of the revised ordinances of 1848, relative to public markets, was taken from the table, read the second time, amended and passed.

An ordinance to amend section 7 of chapter 33 of revised ordinances of 1848, was taken from the table, read the second time, and, after being amended, passed.

An ordinance to amend chapter 50 of the revised ordinances of 1848, "Relative to numbering buildings in Detroit," was read the second time, and the following resolution, offered by the Recorder, was adopted:

Resolved, That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby, directed to report to this Council a new ordinance relative to numbering buildings in the city of Detroit, containing all necessary provisions on the subject, and repealing the 40th chapter of the present revised ordinances on the subject.

An ordinance to amend chapter 15 of the revised ordinances of 1848, "Relative to public drain and sewers," was taken up, amended, and again laid upon the table.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Hull,
Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an estimate of the expense of grading that part of Campus Martii lying between Woodward and Monroe avenues, to its proper grade. Adopted.

By Alderman Lyon,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be requested to cause the side walk in front of Mr. N. P. Stewart's dwelling house, on the south side of Jefferson avenue, to be put down forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Doyle,
Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an assessment for a six foot cross walk in front of the alley on the south side of Congress street, between Russell and Riopelle streets.

By Alderman Ingersoll,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to ascertain by whom the paved alley on the west side of Bates street and intersecting Woodbridge street, has been torn up, and to notify such party to repair the same forthwith.

By Alderman Ingersoll,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to cause plank to be nailed at the outlet of the Randolph street sewer, at the river, closing the same below the water line, so as to prevent the wind from blowing the stench from the sewers through the openings in the different streets. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned to Thursday afternoon at 2½ o'clock.

R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO CLEANING PAVED OR PLANKED STREETS AND ALLEYS.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder and

Aldermen of the City of Detroit, in Common Council convened; That the owner or occupant or occupants of any lot or premises, fronting upon any paved or plank street, square or alley in the city of Detroit, are hereby required to clean up the dirt in heaps, to the centre of the street, square or alley, fronting on said lot or premises, on every second Friday, before the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, from the first day of April to the first day of December in each year. And any occupant or occupants who shall refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten dollars each, and the costs of prosecution, upon conviction in the Mayor's court, for each offence.

SECTION 2. All owners of unoccupied lots or premises fronting on any paved or plank street or alley in the city of Detroit, are hereby required to clean and heap up the dirt to the centre of the street, square or alley, fronting such lot or premises, on every second Friday before the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, from the first day of April to the first day of December in each year. And any owner or occupant who shall refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten dollars, and the costs of prosecution, upon conviction in the Mayor's court, for each offence.

SECTION 3. The Committee on Streets and the City Auditor are hereby authorized to contract with the lowest bidder, who shall propose to clean such portions of the paved or plank streets, squares or alleys, as the corporation are liable to clean, and who shall remove and carry away the said dirt deposited in heaps in the centre of said streets, squares or alleys, by said owners or occupants of said lots or premises fronting on said streets, squares or alleys, on every second Friday, before sun down of the same day, and deposit the same in some proper place, from the first day of April to the first of December in each year. And any owner or occupant who shall refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten dollars, and the costs of prosecution, upon conviction in the Mayor's court, for each offence.

SECTION 4. The said lowest bidder or person contracting with the corporation as aforesaid, shall furnish satisfactory security for the performance of such contract, provided notice shall be published for one week, in the city paper, previous to receiving proposals for said work. The person contracting with the corporation as aforesaid, shall, when requested by any person liable under the provisions of this ordinance to clean and heap up the dirt on any portion of the public street, square or alley, clean the same and remove the dirt, and the said contractor shall receive such price for such labor, from the city of Detroit, as the Committee on Streets and the Street Commissioner shall deem a fair compensation, provided that said contractor shall not be obliged to do such work unless he shall be paid in advance for the same, or receive satisfactory security for such payment. All occupants, owners, and the contractor shall clean said streets, squares and alleys in the manner prescribed from time to time by the Committee on Streets, or other authorized officer.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and dated Detroit, the second day of May, A. D. 1854.
OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.
Attest: R. STARKEY City Clerk. my5-10t

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,
DETROIT, May 13, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT PURSUANT to requirement of section twenty of the "Act to provide for assessing property at its true value, and for levying and collecting taxes thereon," approved Feb. 14, 1853, the undersigned will be at the Common Council Room, in the City Hall, on Saturday, the twentieth day of May inst., from 8 o'clock A. M. until 12 M., and from 1 to 5 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of reviewing their assessments; and on the request of any person considering himself aggrieved, and on sufficient cause being shown by evidence to the satisfaction of the undersigned, the valuation of the personal property may be altered as contemplated by the provisions of law.

JAMES HANMER, Assessor 1st District.
JOHN RENO, do 2d do
ALEX. H. STOWELL, do 3d do

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Detroit Daily Advertiser, Detroit Daily Tribune, Detroit Daily Inquirer, Detroit Daily Times, Detroit Daily Democrat, Michigan Democrat and the Catholic Vindicator will please publish until date and present account for the same to the City Auditor.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
DETROIT, May 25, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, ss:
To Mrs. Margaret Hanks, John R. Williams, James A. Van Dyke, Charles Seymour, John B. Long, Richard Hawley, Mrs. Eliza E. Stuart, — Stockings, Patrick Tregent, John Clancy, Miss Emily Campau, David Smart, Anthony Duceon, Joy & Porter, Thomas C. Miller, Moses F. Dickinson, B. F. H. Witherell, Jonathan L. King, Peter Godfroy, (estate of, D. J. Campau, agent;) Theodore Williams, Thomas Hawley, Flattery & Brother, Crane & Wesson, James Hammer, and the owners and occupants of property on Woodbridge street, from the eastern curb of Woodward avenue to the centre of Randolph street, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be

made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned, and the same shall be paid by you to the City Clerk, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the sixth day of June, A. D. 1854, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Chamber, and be heard in relation to the same, and if the assessment should not be made and collected according to law. may26-101 R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, }
DETROIT, May -2, 1854. }

STATE OF MICHIGAN. **CITY OF DETROIT,** ss:
To the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company, Firby &
Wood, L. C. Thayer, Charles Moran, Henry Wing, Joseph
Campau, Crane & Wesson, Jerry Hennipin, Peter McGuire,
John McGuire, E. P. Johnness, Frederick Seitz, Anthony
McGuire, John W. McQuinn, George W. McQuinn, J. B.
Moore, William N. Carpenter, Joy & Porter, George Kirby
& Co., Mariners Church, Joy & Porter, (agents for E. & W.
Dwight); Thomas C. Miller, Moses F. Dickinson, Benjamin
F. H. Withersell, John L. King, Daniel J. Campau, (agent
for the estate of Peter Godfrey); Henry P. Baldwin, Alexan-
der C. Baldwin, (agent for the estate of John C. Baldwin);
Chauncy Hurlbut, Theodore H. Eaton, J. L. Whiting,
(agent for Electus Backus); Albert Wolcott, Ira L. Kichol,
Black River Steam Mill Company, (Alonzo Sheely, agent);
Samuel French, Ladue & Eldred, Trowbridge & Brother,
John B. Lapine, (widow of); James Dubois, Abraham
H. Dubois, (widow of); The Gas Company, (agent for)
Humphrey Owen, Dominico Rionello, Bela Hubbard, Elizab.
Stuart, Patrick R. Tregent, Blindbury & Hart, Eagle Steam
Mill Company, Oliver M. Hyde, Theresa Halter, Adam Hal-
ter, (agent); John Philippe, Detroit Water Works, and the
owners and occupants of property on the corner of
St. Antoine to Orleans street, and on Woodward avenue
from the Southern curb of Jefferson avenue to the centre
of Alwater street, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossbars in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, and that you are hereby given notice of such assessment roll, Tuesday, the sixth day of June, A. D. 1854, when you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room, in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

may24-10t R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, }
DETROIT, May 31, 1854. }

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT
this Office until Monday, June 12th, at 12 o'clock, M., for
furnishing materials and constructing the following sewers,
to wit:

In Rivard street, commencing in Detroit river.
From the west line of the Jones farm, through Jones street and the alley, to the Sixth street sewer.
From Riopelle street sewer, in Franklin street, to Orleans street, up Orleans street to the terminus, to be fixed by the engineers.
From the east line of the A. Beaubien farm, in Gratiot street, to the Brush street sewer.
From the Gratiot street sewer, in Beaubien street, to Elizabeth street.
From the river, in St. Antoine street, to Fort st. sewer.
From Columbia street, in Woodward avenue to Adelaide street, and the extension of the Park street sewer, 3½ blocks.

Separate proposals will be required for each sewer; the work to be done according to the plans and specifications on file in my office.

The Common Council reserve the right to accept or reject any or all of said proposals.
By order of the Common Council.

AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, }
 Detroit, June 9, 1854. }

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, ss:
 I, John R. Williams, Samuel P. Brady, Hiram R. Walker, George B. Russell, and the owners and occupants of property on Woodward avenue, from the southern curb of Atwater street to the River, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned. That the assessment rolls have been made and the same, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the twentieth day of June, A. D. 1854, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at their council room, in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

RICHARD STANTON, City Clerk

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COMMON COUNCIL--Special Session.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1854.

Council was called to order at 2½ o'clock, P. M., by His Honor, the Mayor, O. M. Hyde, Esq.

Present, Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Finéhart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

REPORTS.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the City Surveyor, containing estimates for the construction of public sewers ordered by the Common Council, report, that they have had the same under consideration and have examined the ground through which it is proposed to construct said sewers, and that while they consider that all the sewers contemplated are necessary for the health, or convenience of the citizens; yet, in consequence of the extreme difficulty existing in procuring money for any purpose whatever, your committee are of opinion that the sewers cannot be viewed as an advantage much exceeding those of 1853, and that reducing more would be much greater than the want of sewers in some of the districts contemplated; they therefore have selected those which, in their opinion, are required for the safety of the public health, and recommend that the others which are required more for the convenience than the health of citizens, be postponed. The sewers selected by your committee, to be built in the year 1854, are as follows, to wit :

From the river in Rivard street as far as it can be built for	\$8,000
From the west line of the Jones farm, through Jones street and the alley, to Sixth street,	1,100
From Riopelle in Franklin to Orleans, and up Orleans street as far as it can be built for	1,500
From the east line of A. Beaubien farm in Gratiot street, to Brush street sewer	2,100
From Gratiot in Beaubien street, to Elizabeth street	2,100
From the river in St. Antoine street to Fort street	7,400
From Columbia street in Woodward Avenue to Adelaide street,	5,300
Extension of Park street sewer $3\frac{1}{2}$ blocks,	1,300

Making in the aggregate \$27,100. The tax levied in 1853 for similar purposes, was \$27,000, while only \$18,200 was expended, in consequence of the great ability of the procuring labor and materials for their construction, and the sewers now recommended, together with the one laid over from last year, will consequently require an expenditure of \$100,000 more than in 1853; and this, in the opinion of your Committee, is all that prudence will justify the Common Council in recommending to the free-men of the City for taxation.

JOHN HULL,
W. M. BARCLAY,
W. W. WILCOX,
H. H. LEROY,
I. W. INGERSOLL, } Committee.

Ald. Craig offered the following resolution amendatory to the report:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be added to the estimates for sewers to be constructed to defray the expense of extending the brick sewer from the North line of Atwater street, in the alley to the river, between Bates street and Woodward avenue.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing,
Martin, Mayhew and Patton—8.
Nays—Ald. Collins, Hull, Leroy, Lyon, Wilcox and His
Honor the Mayor—6.

Ald. Ingersoll moved to amend so as to include in list of sewers in the report—"Beaubien street sewer, from alley north of Jefferson avenue to Fort street." Lost.

Ald. Fischer moved to amend report by adding \$1,000 to the sum of \$1,500 recommended by report. Lost, yeas 3,

The report as amended was then adopted, yeas 15, nays none.

The Committee on Ways and Means and the City Auditor report the following estimates of expenditures required in the various departments of the city government during the current fiscal year, terminating June 30, 1855:

INTEREST FUND EXPENDITURES.
For interest payable in New York, \$20,028 00
" " " " Detroit, 3,365 00—23,393 00

The Common Council are authorized to levy a tax for the payment of the above sum, by an act approved March 21, 1851.

SINKING FUND EXPENDITURES.

For the payment of bonds becoming due in 1854, \$11,475 76

RECEIPTS.

Tax authorized by act approved March 21, 1851,	\$5,000 00
Interest on bonds held by trustees of sinking fund,	975 00
Interest on bonds and mortgages held by trustees of sinking fund,	692 65
Principal of bonds and mortgages due in 1854,	1,442 50
Cash in treasury March 14, 1854,	06
Estimated interest on deposits in bank,	1,000 00
Estimated deficit,	\$1,681 50

Salary of City Physician, and Director of the Poor,	\$750 00
Disbursements by the Director of the Poor,	2,500 00
Care of the sick in Hospital,	1,250 00
Interments by the Sexton,	550 00
Contingencies,	250 00—\$5,300 00
Payable out of the tax not exceeding cent—authorized by act of April 22, 1853.	one half of one per

Debit balance unprovided for March 14, 1853,	\$600 00
Salary of Chief Engineer past and present year,	600 00
New Engine for No. 8, as per contract, with freight and fixtures,	900 00
Wood, and making fires in engine houses,	200 00
Ringing fire alarms,	120 00
Repairs of engine houses, engines and hose carts,	1,250 00
Repair of hose,	250 00
1,000 feet new hose,	750 00
Supplies for engine companies,	500 00
Night fire watch,	500 00
Repairs of reservoirs,	30 00
Contingencies,	300 00
12 new reservoirs and fixtures,	900 00—\$6,900 00

Section 6 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes of 1846 authorizes the Common Council to levy a tax for the expenses of the fire department, upon obtaining the assent of the Freemen.

Salaries of officers, assistants and laborers at present rates,	\$9,300 00
Expenses of elections, 2 charter and 1 general,	900 00
Assessing taxes and making rolls 2 seasons,	2,400 00
Repairs of city, and markets and insurance,	700 00
Burying dead animals,	200 00
Blank books and stationery,	250 00
Printing, in American and German,	1,250 00
Special police service,	300 00
Gas for street lamps, average number 250, at \$20 each,	5,000 00
Jail fees, and board of prisoners sentenced by Mayor's Court,	500 00
Clerk's fees in Mayor's Court, and claims for which accounts have been allowed,	441 80
Contingencies,	938 20
	<hr/> \$22,180 00

Rent of City Hall meat and vegetable markets,	2,700 00
Rent of Washington Market,	200 00
" Hay Scales,	250 00
" Wharves,	120 00
Licenses for cabs, hacks and drays,	250 00
" for concerts and exhibitions,	600 00
Delinquent taxes and redemptions from sale,	300 00
Sale of grass in cemetery,	50 00
Tax not exceeding one half of one per cent. authorized by act approved April 22, 1833, page 19 revised charter of 1848,	\$17,730 00

It is believed that the assessments for cellar and surface drains will amount to a sum sufficient to cover any expenses that may be incurred for the ordinary repairs of sewers.

Amount required to pay for paving ordered in front of city property,	\$1,040
The grading necessary to pay for working the streets to be established in the district where paving is already ordered,	4,160
Amount required to finish walks already ordered and contracted for on Campus Martius,	800
Grading and contingencies,	1,000
Paving and grading Campus Martius between Woodward and Monroe avenues,	2,600
	\$9,600

The aggregate of road tax ordered by the Council May 9, 1854, it is believed will amount to about \$8,000, which, with good economy, will be sufficient to meet the expenses required for the repairs of unpaved streets, and for cleaning that portion of the paved streets chargeable to the city at

For 100 street lamps and fixtures,	\$3,000 00
Tax authorised by act of March 21, 1851.	

Amount voted by the Council, May 2, 1854, for planting trees and other improvements in the Grand Circus, 200 00

The following sewers have been ordered by the Council, and estimates are made by the City Surveyor, to wit:	
From the river, in Rivard st., as far as it can be built for	\$6,000 00
From the west line of the Jones farm through Jones st. and the alley, to Sixth st.,	1,100 00
From Riopelle, in Franklin, to Orleans, and up Orleans as far as it can be built for	1,500 00
From the east line of A. Beaubien farm, in Gratiot st., to Brush st.,	2,100 00
From Gratiot st. in Beaubien st., to north side of Elizabeth st.,	2,100 00
From the river, in St. Antoine st., to Fort st.,	7,400 00
From Columbia st., in Woodward ave., to north side Adelaide st.,	3,600 00
Extension of Park st. sewer,	1,300 00
" " sewer in alley south of Atwater st.,	500 00

FUND.	Tax of 1854.	Tax of 1853.	De- crease.	Increase
Interest fund,	\$23,393 00	\$23,393 00		
Sinking fund,	5,000 00	5,000 00		
Fire Dept fund,	3,400 00	3,400 00		3,500 00
City Poor fund,	5,300 00	4,100 00		1,200 00
Contingent fund,	17,200 00	15,900 00		1,900 00
General Road fund,	9,600 00	9,777 00	177 00	3,800 00
Road District fund,	8,000 00	4,200 00		
Park Improvements	700 00	1,500 00	800 00	
Sewers,	25,600 00	21,200 00		3,900 00
Street Lamp fund,	3,000 00	1,575 00		1,125 00
School fund,	10,230 00	9,600 00		630 00
	\$115,523 00	\$99,945 00	\$977 00	\$16,055 00

The foregoing estimates of necessary current expenses, including the cost of public improvements already ordered by your Honorable body, will require a tax exceeding that levied in the year 1853, for similar purposes, of \$15,578, being an increase of over fifteen per cent.

The necessary which exists of providing by tax this year, for the current expenses of the Fire Department, City Poor, and contingent Funds for the months of April, May and June, and for the debit balances standing against said funds on the 31st day of March last, cause an increase in the taxes required of about \$6,600; the expenditures of said Funds having considerably exceeded the estimates of your committee made in the spring of 1853.

Your committee made it impossible to discover any item of expenditure in said funds which can be safely reduced unless it is estimated \$900 for reservoirs for the use of the Fire Department; many are of opinion that the Hydrants constructed by the Water Commissioners wherever their pipes are extended, will be sufficient for a full supply in any district for extinguishing fires, but it is better to have about of their capacity for other purpose upon the higher grounds of the city, and have therefore included the cost of twelve new reservoirs for the consideration of the Council.

The increase in the Road Districts Funds is \$3,800, and the decrease in the General Road Fund \$177,—the increase in the Street Lamp Fund exceeds the decrease in the Park Improvement Fund \$325. The increase in the School tax is caused by the natural increase of scholars in the city.—The balance of increase is for the construction of new sewers, and amounts to the sum of \$4,400.

From the Committee on Fire Department, recommending that petition of Thomas McGolick, to rebuild kitchen in rear of his dwelling, on Howard street, between 1st and 2d streets, be granted. Adopted.

The Committee on Sewers reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petition of Conrad Gies and others, asking that the sewer ordered on St. Antoine street be continued four feet in diameter to the grand sewer on Fort street, and be extended from thence to Clinton street. Report accepted—laid on the table.

Resolved, That pursuant to the act of the Legislature, approved March 21st, 1851, taxes be levied and collected amounting to twenty-three thousand three hundred and ninety-three dollars for the payment of interest upon the city debt, and five thousand dollars for the purpose of the sinking fund. Adopted.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to call a meeting of the Freeman of the City of Detroit, to consider the propriety of assenting to the levying and collecting of taxes for the sum of six thousand one hundred dollars for defraying the expenses of the Fire Department, pursuant to the provisions of section 6 of chapter 48, of the Revised Statutes;—the sum of twenty-three thousand one hundred dollars, for the purpose of the contingent fund and for the support of the City Poor

pursuant to the provisions of the act of the Legislature approved April 22d, 1833. Also the further sums pursuant to the provisions of the Legislature, approved March 21st, 1851, as follows, to wit: For the erection of Street Lamps and Fixtures, the sum of three thousand dollars; for the improvement of the Grand Circus, Centre, and West Parks, the sum of seven thousand dollars; for the purposes of the General Road Fund nine thousand six hundred dollars and for the construction of public sewers, this day ordered by the Common Council, the sum of twenty-five thousand six hundred dollars. Adopted.

By the Committee on Ways and Means,
Resolved, That the question of levying and collecting a tax, pursuant to the provisions of an act approved March 21, 1851, for the purchase of a suitable site, and erecting thereon a tower or other building, and the purchase of a fire alarm bell and town clock, to be placed in said tower, be submitted to the freemen of the city of Detroit, at the meeting to be called by the Mayor, for their assent.

Adopted.
By Alderman Patton,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to grade the side walks on Congress between Brush street and St. Antoine, streets, forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay,
Resolved, That Mr. Waterman have leave to connect with main sewer on Congress street, by a drain through the alley, and along Larned street to Bates street, thence to said sewer, from the "Smart Block," so called. Adopted.

By Alderman Martin,
Resolved, That the sum of four hundred dollars be appropriated according to law for the purpose of fencing Crawford Park. Lost.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

SATURDAY, May 27.
Council met at 7 P. M., and was called to order by His Honor the Mayor.

Present, the Recorder and all the Aldermen.
The Mayor stated the object of the session—to take immediate action to prevent disease by cleaning streets and alleys, and abating all nuisances.

The following communication was read:
Resolution passed at the regular meeting of the Detroit Medical Society, May 4th, 1854.

"Whereas, Experience has shown that impurity of the atmosphere, arising from decaying animal and vegetable matters; together with effluvia from stagnant pools, sewers, &c., in connection with heat, tend much to produce relaxation of the bowels, and rendering the cholera poison more malignant, be it hereby

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed from this body to confer with the board of health (if there be one) or the Hon. the Common Council, and unite with them in their efforts to have all nuisances abated that may tend to endanger the public health."

BRODIE, } Committee Doctors.
BATWELL, }
STEWART, }

E. P. CHRISTIAN, Secretary.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned Committee, appointed in conformity to the above resolution, would respectfully submit the following considerations to the attention of your Honorable body, viz:

The whole history of epidemic diseases shows that their diffusion is produced by all those causes which have a tendency to render the air impure, and in regard to the general sources of disease some of them admit of correction by measures instituted by municipal authority, while others are beyond the control of legislative enactments.

Of the former kind are the emanations from filthy streets, alleys, sewers, marshes, human excretions in over-crowded habitations, decomposing animal and vegetable matters and various common nuisances, and of the latter the wide spread influences which induce certain forms of epidemic disease. Against the assaults of these distempers the utmost that can be done by Boards of Health is to point out their exciting causes and means of avoiding them.

The undersigned fully believe, that from the nature of diseases at present existing among us, and from all accounts from our sister cities, that the cholera in either a mild or epidemic form will make itself manifest during the approaching hot season.

Moreover, it is well known to all observers that cholera is a disease, modified in its character by all those causes that tend to render the atmosphere impure.

It was not the object of this Committee to specify to your body any particular mode of action in the premises, but to suggest to your Honorable body the opinions of the Society relative to the appearance of cholera, and the necessity of counteracting the operation of all those nuisances that tend to disturb the public health.

WM. BRODIE, } Committee.
EDWARD BATWELL, }
MORSE STEWART, }

Signed, Detroit, May 26th, 1854.

By permission of the Council, Dr. Gorton stated the circumstances attending a case of cholera which he reported. Dr. Brodie, Dr. Rice, Dr. Leland, and Dr. Stewart also

stated their views in regard to the case reported by Dr. Gorton.

The Recorder then took the chair and the Mayor addressed the Council.

Ald. Patton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair, to act in conjunction with the Committee from the Medical Society, to report at the next meeting of the Council the best means of preventing the spread of cholera in this city.

Ald. Hull moved to strike out the word cholera. Lost as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Doyle, Fischer, Hull, Martin and Wilcox—5.
Nays—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Duncan, Finehart, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Mayhew, Patton, and the Mayor—12.

The resolution was adopted, and the chair appointed as special Committee, Ald. Patton, Lansing, Barclay, Lyon, and Duncan.

On motion the Recorder was added to the committee.

Ald. Craig offered the following:

Whereas, It has become necessary to take some measures in regard to cleaning and purifying our city; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Aldermen of each ward be and are hereby appointed a sanitary committee of their several wards, whose duty it shall be to examine faithfully their several wards, and abate, or cause to be abated, all nuisances prejudicial to health, and that they are hereby authorized to draw on the contingent fund for any necessary expenses in carrying out the above object.

Ald. Leroy offered a substitute for Ald. Craig's resolution, which was not adopted, yeas 8, nays 9.

Ald. Barclay offered the following as a substitute, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Aldermen of each ward appoint an assistant Marshal, whose duty it shall be to abate, or cause to be abated, all nuisances in their respective wards, prejudicial to health, and are hereby authorized to draw for necessary expenses upon the fund appropriated or hereafter to be appropriated for such purposes.

Ald. Barclay's substitute was adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox, and the acting Mayor—12.
Nays—Ald. Craig and Hull—2.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Tuesday, May 30, 1854.

Council met at the usual hour, and was called to order by His Honor, the Mayor, O. M. Hyde.

Present, the Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Richard H. Hall, for side walks on the north side of Henry street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of J. M. & S. P. Read and others, for construction of sewer on Second street, from the alley between Jefferson Avenue and Larned street, to the river. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of J. Britton, City Sexton, for increase of compensation, so as to allow him five dollars for each pauper burial.—Granted.

Of James P. Roseburg, foreman of Engine Co. No. 4, asking the Council to have the Engine of the company painted. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of J. Kearsley, for repair of the Holden road ditch. Referred to Committee on Sewers, and Street Commissioner.

Of J. C. Sabine, late Clerk of City Hall Market, for extra compensation. Referred to Committee on Markets.

REPORTS.

The City Clerk reported the following proceedings of a meeting of the freemen:

MEETING OF THE FREEMEN.—Pursuant to the proclamation of the Mayor, a meeting of the freemen of the city of Detroit was held at the City Hall on the 29th of May, A. D. 1854.

On motion, his Honor, the Recorder, Wm. A. Cook, was called to the chair, and Richard Starkey appointed Secretary.

Amos T. Hall, Esq., then submitted the following:

The Common Council have resolved to levy and collect taxes upon the taxable property of the city of Detroit, pursuant to law, for the following purposes, to wit:

For the payment of interest on the city debt.....	\$23,393 00
For the purposes of the sinking fund.....	6,000 00
For the support of schools, (voted by the Council and the freemen).....	10,230 00
For road tax, ten cents on each one hundred dollars of assessment, estimated to amount in the aggregate to.....	8,000 00
Aggregate.....	\$46,623 00

The Common Council have also resolved to levy and collect taxes for the following purposes, provided the freemen of the city of Detroit assent to the same, to wit:

For the purposes of the contingent fund and the support of the city poor, pursuant to the act of

the Legislature, approved April 22, 1853.....	23,100 00
For defraying the expenses of the fire department, pursuant to section 6 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes of 1848.....	6,900 00
And, pursuant to the act approved March 21, 1851—	
For the purposes of the street lamp fund.....	3,000 00
For the purposes of the general road fund.....	9,000 00
For the purposes of the park improvement fund.....	700 00
For the construction of new sewers.....	25,600 00

Aggregate of proposed taxation for 1854....\$115,523.00
On motion, the taxes for the several sums mentioned in the above statement, were assented to by the meeting.
The Common Council have also resolved to submit to the freemen for their assent, the proposal to levy a tax for the sum of \$—, to be expended, in the discretion of the Common Council, in purchasing a site, erecting a tower and placing therein an alarm bell and a town clock.
The blank was filled by inserting "\$5,000," and a tax for that sum assented to for the purpose mentioned.
The meeting adjourned sine die.

RICHARD STARKEY, Secretary.
W. M. A. COOK, Chairman.
From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him: D. Kendall, making crossings, and repairing cross-walks, \$28.63. John King, grading side walks, inlets to sewers, culverts, and labor on streets, \$208.31. John Farrar, correcting assessment rolls First, Second, and Third Wards, three days, \$6.00. J. Andrews, thirty one days night Fire Watch service, May 14, \$46.50. Solomon Davis, brass work for engine companies 1, 2, 3 and 4, \$23.73. Thos. Campan, paid for digging sewers, and tracing sewers on maps, \$5.00. G. E. Pomeroy & Co., publishing proclamation by the Mayor, and notices by the assessors, \$13.85; advertising for Chief Engineer, \$6.75. Treten & Papin, trees planted in Grand Circus, \$56.87. Joseph Granger, lowering pools on Clifford street, \$7.00. L. Beaubien, Jr., one month assisting City Surveyor, to June first, 1854, \$26.— Allowed and ordered paid.

The undersigned respectfully calls the attention of the Council to a report received from a special committee, consisting of the Hon. E. A. Brush, Hon. E. Farnsworth, and Samuel T. Dyson, Esq., made March 15th, 1853, and is as follows, to wit:

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, in behalf of the committee heretofore appointed by the Common Council, to devise and present a mode by which an equitable adjustment may be made between the Council and the heirs of the late John Whipple, in respect to a piece of land lying in front of a lot owned by said heirs on Randolph street, reports—

That it would be advantageous to all parties to adjust all the fronts between Randolph street and the lots, called "Old Claim," belonging to the representatives of the Pelletier, Whipple, Abbott, and White lots, at once. That it is essential that the first adjustment be made of the land in front of the White lot, which the undersigned proposes to do by exchanging with Bishop Le Fevre, two fractional gores, between the White lot and lot 40, sec. 6, now owned by Bishop Le Fevre, for two fractional gores lying in front of the Abbott and Whipple lots, being parts of lot 40, sec. 6, and now belonging to Bishop Le Fevre. The undersigned is authorized by Bishop Le Fevre to say, that he will make the exchange proposed, if it is so desired.

Upon this arrangement being made, the committee will be able, in a week thereafter, to propose arrangements to be executed between the Council and the other parties, by which certain sums of money will be paid to the city for these fronts, which it is thought will be satisfactory to all, under the circumstances. To which end the undersigned respectfully asks that a resolution be passed, authorizing the City Auditor to cause the exchange recommended to be carried into effect.

On the fifth day of July last, the Attorney reported deeds for execution, for the purpose of making the transfer to and from Bishop Le Fevre in accordance with the recommendation of said report, when a remonstrance from S. M. Holmes was received and referred to a special committee; subsequently on the twentieth of December, a petition from S. M. and J. Holmes was received for calling a jury to inquire whether the public advantage required Randolph street to be widened so as to throw the Bishop's lot into said street; on the seventh day of February, 1854, Alderman Barclay, of the committee on streets, to whom said petition was referred, reported in favor of granting their request on their paying expenses, &c.—and pursuant to said report, a Jury was called on the tenth day of March, whose verdict, as reported by the clerk, March 14, 1854, was, "that the public advantage and convenience do not require it."

Now if these transfers can be made, the balance of the land in front of the Whipple and Abbott old claims can be sold to the owners of said claims for from \$1,700 to \$2,000. I therefore recommend the early consideration of the matter, as the money can be used to meet an anticipated deficit in the Sinking Fund.

AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

To the Hon. the Common Council:
I hereby submit to your honorable body, assessment rolls for paving Woodbridge street from the centre of Randolph to the centre of Brush street, and also for paving Randolph street from Jefferson Avenue to Atwater street. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Adopted. **THOMAS CAMPBELL, City Surveyor.**
Detroit, May 30, 1854.

From the City Marshal that he had several times called upon Mr. McFarland, but had been unable to collect license from the Metropolitan Theatre. Referred to City Attorney.

Groom the Committee on Ways and Means, recommending that petition of E. G. Desnoyer, for extending prohibitory limits for cattle running at large, be referred to Committee on Streets. Adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit:
GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Streets, jointly with the Commission to review and establish grades, would respectfully report that they have had under consideration the petition of G. V. N. Lothrop and others asking for a change of grade on Woodbridge street between St. Antoine and Rivard streets, and also for reducing the width of the road-way between the northern and southern curbs to 25 feet, and they would recommend that the grade be altered to conform to the annexed description, and that the road-way be paved as heretofore intended, viz: thirty-two feet between the curbs. In regard to the latter proposition we would state that the gutters will take up two feet on either side of the road-way, thus leaving by the original plan an available road-way of only twenty-eight feet, while, if the prayer of the petitioners be granted, it will be reduced to twenty-four feet. We would also further state that but very few of the shade trees will be injured by paving the street in accordance with the original design.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. WILCOX, } Committee on Streets.
WM. BARCLAY, }

JACOB HOUGHTON,
Sec'y of Commission to review and establish grades.
Grade of Woodbridge street between St. Antoine and Rivard streets as altered May 30th, 1854, as follows:

NORTH CURB.

Begins at the east curb of St. Antoine street on a line with the old established grade, thence along the north curb of Woodbridge street 311 feet, descending 3.58 feet, thence along said curb to the west curb of Hastings street 179 feet, descending 1.68 feet, and terminates 0.75 foot above the old established grade.

SOUTHERN CURB.

Begins at the east curb of St. Antoine street 30-100 of a foot above the old established grade, thence along the south curb of Woodbridge street 311 feet, ascending 2.65 feet, thence along said curb 179 feet to the west curb of Hastings street, descending 1.60 feet, and terminates 1.00 foot above the old established grade.

Between Hastings and Rivard streets:

NORTHERN CURB.

Begins at the east curb of Hastings street 75-100 foot above the old established grade, thence along the north curb of Woodbridge street 359 feet, ascending 3.06 feet, thence along said curb 256.80 feet, to the west curb of Rivard street, descending 1.30 foot and terminates 2.03 feet above the top of waterable of house on the south-east corner of Rivard and Woodbridge streets.

The southern curb begins and terminates 1.30 foot below the northern curb, and is 1.30 foot below the said curb throughout.

Report accepted and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By the Committee on Streets:

Resolved, That the paving in the alley in rear of the Rotunda building be relaid under supervision of the Street Commissioner and that the city Surveyor make an assessment upon the persons liable for the expense thereof.—Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay:

Resolved, That the city Auditor advertise for sealed proposals for constructing the public sewers of 1854, until Monday, June 12th, at 12 o'clock M.—and that the result of the same be reported to the Council at the next meeting.—Adopted.

By Alderman Mayhew:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the inlet to the 6th street sewer, at the corner of Beach street, to be repaired forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Leroy:

Resolved, That hereafter no person employed by the Marshal, or other city officers, to construct side or cross walks, shall be allowed to demand, or receive payment for the same, until said walks have been examined and certified by the Street Commissioner to be built in accordance with the requirements of the city ordinances,—and any city officer who shall know of a violation of the foregoing, is hereby required to report the same to the Common Council. Adopted.

By Alderman Hull:

Resolved, That the city Marshal notify the owner or owners of the lot at the junction of Cass and Palmer streets to remove the buildings back from the street to the line of said lot. Adopted.

By Alderman Wilcox:

Resolved, That the city Marshal cause the removal of the platform and steps in the alley in rear of Fireman's Hall, forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Leroy:

Resolved, That the Mayor appoint a committee of three on city Parks, whose duty it shall be to see that all improvements are made in accordance with the plan adopted, and report from time to time to the Council. Adopted.
The Council adjourned. **RICHARD STARKEY,**
City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

THURSDAY, June 1, 1854.

Council met at 8 o'clock and was called to order by the Mayor.

Present, Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Lyon, Mayhew, Wilcox.

The Mayor stated the object of the meeting, viz: to hear reports in regard to progress in cleaning the streets, &c., and the sums expended in the several Wards.

PETITIONS.

Of Jno. P. Burhans, for use of Campus Martius for "Railroad Circus."

Alderman Doyle offered the following:

Resolved, That the proprietors of the Railroad Circus be permitted to use the Campus Martius for their performance for three days or less, license included, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, the ground to be left in the condition as when found.

Alderman Barclay moved to lay on the table. Carried as follows:

Yeas—Alderman Barclay, Collins, Craig, Fischer, Lyon, and Wilcox—6.

Nays—Alderman Doyle, Finehart, Hull, Mayhew, and the Mayor—5.

REPORTS.

The Aldermen of different Wards reported amounts expended in cleaning streets and alleys, and expended for lime, as follows:

1st Ward.....	\$46 00
2nd do	6 00
4th do	72 00
5th do	6 00
6th do	25 00
7th do	156 00
8th do	66 00

Exclusive of pay of assistant Marshal and labor by supervisors.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Craig,
Resolved, That the expense of cleaning streets and alleys, and abating nuisances, be charged to the road fund of each Ward, where the money is expended, except for lime. Laid on the table.

By Alderman Lyon,
Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an assessment for filling lots No. 4 and 5, north Atwater st., Louis Moran farm, and said lots are now a nuisance, endangering the public health, therefore

Resolved, That the Marshal cause said lots to be filled so as to abate said nuisance forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Doyle,
Resolved, That James Hayes be appointed City Scavenger. Adopted.

The Council adjourned.

R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, June 6, 1854.

The Council was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, O. M. HYDE.

Present, Ald. Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of John King, for permission to connect a drain from lot 16, block 6, Brush Farm, with the public sewer on Brush street. Granted.

Of Arthur Quinn, to drain lot 19, on Russell street, into Russell street sewer, under supervision of the City Surveyor. Granted.

Of John Moore, for permission to enter sewer on Russell street.

Of Robt. W. Baird, to connect sewer from lot 67, section 11, with the grand sewer on John R street. Granted, under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of D. Riopelle, Jr., to enter with drain from lot 22, west of Riopelle street, the Riopelle street sewer. Granted, under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of J. M. Slater, to connect with Clifford street sewer, from lot 12, section 12, and lot 16, section 12. Granted, under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of J. W. Waterman, to drain into public sewer, from lot 38, Riopelle Farm, Woodbridge street. Granted, under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of Peter Babilion, for cross-walk across the alley between Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street, on the east side of Griawood street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Dr. J. J. Oakley, asking that the Marshal be instructed to prevent wood teams from standing on Monroe Avenue. Referred to City Marshal and Committee on Streets.

Of Chas. Beaubien, asking Council to relay walks on the corner of Congress and Beaubien streets. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of John C. Sabine and others, for side and cross walks six feet wide on the west side of Clifford street from the north side of Montcalm to the north side of Sibley street. Granted.

Of the City Marshal, for renewal of the warrant for collecting assessment for paving Jefferson avenue from Riopelle to Orleans street, and for paving Congress street from Bates to Randolph streets. Granted.

lecting assessment for paving Jefferson avenue from Riopelle to Orleans street, and for paving Congress street from Bates to Randolph streets. Granted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From B. Rush Bagg, tendering his resignation as Justice of the Peace. Accepted.

DETROIT, 23d May, 1854.

SIR: I have this day received a copy of the resolutions passed on the 18th April last by the Hon. the Common Council of this city, on the occasion of the death of Capt. Canfield, U. S. Top. Eng. Corps, and agreeably to your request have laid them before Mrs. Canfield.

I have the honor, in her behalf, to offer through you to the Common Council her grateful acknowledgments for this welcome expression of sympathy in her bereavement and of their high appreciation and respect for the memory and virtues of him whose loss she so deeply laments.

I am, sir, truly your obedient servant,

R. STARKEY, Esq.

HENRY LEDYARD.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, accounts audited by him: W. Burnell, 60 bbls. lime for 4th ward, \$36.75; D. E. Rice, repairs of engines, \$40.50; R. Cogger, rebuilding pools and manholes, \$11.88, 100 loads of earth in High street, \$6.00, repairing outlet of sewer in First street, \$11.30; F. L'Esperance, 7 bbls lime for 4th ward, \$5.25; P. Crumhorn, balance due for distributing lime in 6th ward, \$3.25; pay roll, materials and labor abating nuisances, and working streets in 7th ward, \$209.85; Wm. Knowles, crossings over gutters on paved streets, \$13.00; pay roll cleaning paved streets, \$128.75; L. B. Willard, salary Director of Poor, \$25.00; J. Knox Gavin, City Attorney, \$25; A. T. Hall, City Auditor, \$166.66; John King, Street Commissioner, \$75.00; F. McDonald, Clerk of Market, \$33.34; Thomas Campau, City Surveyor, \$66.66; E. P. Christian, City Physician, \$25.00; John Campbell, City Treasurer, \$58.34; Eli Laderoot, City Marshal, \$50.00; Richard Starkey, City Clerk, \$50.00; Joseph Granger, rebuilding manholes corner Brush and Clinton streets, \$9.63; Geo. Miller, assistant marshal, report of labor and materials on streets in 4th ward, \$7.46; F. Keary, assistant marshal 8th ward, report materials and labor on streets \$92.50. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

From John King, Street Commissioner, account of expenditures by supervisors of the several road districts. Referred to Committee on Streets.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I herewith submit to your honorable body an assessment roll for paving Woodward avenue from the southern curb of Atwater street to the river; also, assessments for filling up and abating a nuisance existing on lot No. 81 of Lothrop's subdivision of Park lots No. 83 and part of 82 in the city of Detroit; and a nuisance on lots 3 and 4, Louis Moran Farm, north side of Atwater street. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

DETROIT, June 6th, 1854.

Accepted, and assessments for filling up lots and abating nuisances confirmed.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of E. G. Desnoyers, for the extension of the prohibitory limits of Cowdrom, report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner.

The Mayor called Ald. Leroy to the chair and addressed the Council.

Report laid on the table.

From Thos. Hanks, assistant Marshal of 5th Ward, that he had notified the owners of lots 11, 12, 13 and 16, subdivision of Duffield's subdivision of Park lots, and Joseph Campau and Nancy Martin, owners of lots on State and Park streets, that nuisances exist thereon.

The City Surveyor was instructed to make assessments, and the Marshal to fill up said lots and abate nuisances, forthwith.

The Committee on Sewers report in favor of granting the prayer of Major Kearsley, in relation to repairing the Holden Road ditch, and recommend that the Street Commissioner employ men and repair said ditch forthwith.—Adopted.

I. W. INGERSOLL.
The Committee on Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Roberts, for permission to raise her dwelling two and a half feet to admit of a brick or stone foundation, would report in favor of the prayer of the petitioner. Adopted.

From Committee on Sewers, in favor of granting prayer of petition of J. M. & S. P. Mead and others, for construction of sewer on Second street, from alley between Larned street and Jefferson avenue, to the river. Referred to City Surveyor to make the estimates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The petition of the proprietor of the Railroad Circus was taken from the table.

Ald. Lansing was called to the chair, and the Mayor addressed the Council.

Ald. Hull offered the following:

That the Auditor be instructed to rent that portion of the Campus Martius within the chains to the Railroad Circus, for three days, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, including license; provided, that the company shall leave the grounds in the same condition as at present, and that the money paid be appropriated for the improvement of the said grounds. Adopted, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Hull, Ingersoll, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and the Mayor—10.
Nays—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Lansing, and Wilcox—4.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Leroy,
Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be and are hereby authorized to contract with John McCurdy, to sprinkle the Campus Martius and Woodward Avenue in front of the City Hall, between the south and north line of curb on Michigan avenue, at such prices as they may think proper. Adopted.

By Alderman Leroy,
Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an assessment for filling up lot on Woodward avenue on the Sibley property (so called), and the City Marshal is instructed to have said lot filled up and the nuisance abated forthwith.—Adopted.

By Ald. Finchart,
Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be and they are hereby authorized to enlarge the sidewalk on the south side of Woodbridge street, between St. Antoine street and Rivard, to such width as they shall find necessary to preserve the shade trees along said Woodbridge street; provided that the said walk shall not be made wider than eleven feet. Referred to Committee on Streets, with power.

By Alderman Leroy,
Resolved, That the City Attorney be and is hereby requested to bring in an ordinance at the next regular meeting of this Council, authorizing the Council to direct lateral sewers to be built in streets and alleys, of such size, depth and materials, as they may think the public good require, and providing that the adjoining lots be assessed to pay the expense of said sewers. Adopted.

By Alderman Ingersoll,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby appointed and is the proper person to give permission to the Commissioner of Water Works to enter sewers when he finds it necessary. Adopted.

By Alderman Wilcox,
Resolved, That the City Attorney be instructed to report an ordinance to repeal an ordinance relative to animals running at large within the city limits.

Alderman Martin offered the following as an amendment:
Resolved, That the ordinance prohibiting cattle from running at large within the city limits be and is hereby repealed. Resolution and amendment laid on the table.

By Alderman Doyle,
Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an assessment for the filling up to the proper height, the following lots: No. 13 and 14, on the south side of Maple, between Orleans and Dequindre streets; also lot No. 7, on the north side of Maple, between Orleans and Dequindre streets.

By Alderman Doyle,
Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an assessment for the filling up to the proper height the following lots: No. 11, 9, 8, H, G, F, and D, on the north side of Atwater st., between Rivard and Riopelle streets, also lot No. 12, on the south side of Gouin street, between Rivard and Riopelle streets, also lot No. 4, on the south side of Franklin street, between Rivard and Riopelle streets, on the Gouin and Mullett Farms, in said city, and that the Ward Marshal shall cause the same to be filled up forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay,
Whereas, It appears by affidavits on file, that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property, fronting on Woodbridge st., from the eastern curb of Woodward avenue to the centre of Randolph street, and to all other persons interested, that the Common Council would, on the 6th day of June, A. D. 1854, meet and review the assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk, on the 23d day of May, A. D. 1854, to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings opposite to the above described premises, and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment or the confirmation thereof, therefore

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed, that the description of premises and names of persons contained therein are received as correct, that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones, which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same, according to law. Adopted.

By Alderman Barclay,
Whereas, It appears, by affidavits on file, that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property fronting on Atwater street from St. Antoine street to Orleans street, and on Woodward avenue, from the southern curb of Jefferson avenue to the centre of Atwater street, that the Common Council would, on the 6th day of June, A. D. 1854, meet and review the assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 16th day of May, A. D. 1854, to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings, opposite or adjacent to the above described premises, and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessments or the confirmation thereof; therefore

Resolved, That the said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed, that the description of premises and names of persons contained therein are received as correct, that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones, which each individual should be assessed at and pay, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same, according to law. Adopted.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY: City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, June 13, 1854.

Council met at the usual hour and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, O. M. HYDE.

Present—The Recorder and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Graig, Duncan, Finchart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of John McAllister, asking that an assessment be made on all lots on the alley between Adams avenue and Elizabeth street, for building drain through the alley to connect with sewer in John R. Street. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of Alex. Van Schraden, to enter sewer on Randolph st.

from lot 88 sec. 9, north of Gratiot st.
 Of J. E. Norton and others, that side walk on Fifth st. be built according to original plan of "Elton Park," as recorded by Crane & Wesson. Referred to committee on Streets.

Of Delos Davis and others for abatement of nuisance on lots 11 and 13 on north side of Larned street, between Shelby and Wayne streets. Referred to Marshal, and Surveyor ordered to make an assessment for abating nuisance.

Of John Hull and others for removal of wood teams from Monroe avenue.

Of W. Y. Baker and others for same. Referred to Marshal with instructions to enforce the ordinance.

Of Jas. A. Van Dyke and others for opening of St. Antoine street through old Cemetery. Referred to Committee on Streets, City Attorney and Recorder.

Of R. T. Hamilton and others relative to sewer in 8th Ward. Laid on the table.

Of Isaac Smith for permission to raise kitchen one or two feet. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of J. P. Roseburgh, Foreman of Engine Company No. 4, for leave of absence for Company and apparatus to visit Chicago. Granted.

Of officers of the Fire Department, and Foremen of Engine Companies, for increase of salary of Chief Engineer to \$500.

Of J. A. Van Dyke and others for same.

Of J. J. Armstrong and others for same.

Ald. Patton offered the following, resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That the salary of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department shall be \$500 per annum, and he shall receive his pay the same as any other officer of the Common Council.

Resolved, That he shall superintend all repairs of Engine Houses, Engines, Hose, and such other apparatus as is used by the Fire Department, to see that Engines and Hose shall be kept in proper order, to examine the fire hydrants and see that they are ever fit for use, and to know that the reservoirs are at all times accessible, to ascertain the origin of all fires, as near as may be, also the amount of loss and amount covered by insurance, and such other duties as may be required by the City Ordinances.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

P. Crumhorn, distributing lime, \$1.00; P. Keavy, lime and labor on streets in 8th Ward, \$31.25; Wm. Knowles, repairing Gouin street sewer and inlet, \$23.06; Wm. Knowles, repairing pools corner Hastings and Congress streets, \$11.28; pay roll, labor on streets in 3d Ward, \$85.25; J. Granger, resurfacing pools at Grand River and Sixth st. sewer, \$38.09; Palmer & Whipple, stationery to March 30, 1854, \$65.75; Edward O'Donnell, labor on streets, \$1.50. Allowed and ordered paid.

The Committee on Sewers and the City Auditor report, that pursuant to public notice, proposals for the construction of Sewers have been received and examined as follows, to wit:

Rivard Street Sewer.

Stephen Martin.

5396 cubic yards of excavation and backfilling, at 54 cents,	\$2,913 84
12 sets Pools, including manholes, &c., at \$50	600 00
105 rods 4 feet, and 25 rods 5 feet cylinder, \$16	2,080 00
10 rods flat bottomed, stone, brick and wood sewer, \$32,	320 00
	\$5,913 84

Jeremiah Moore.

10 rods flat bottomed sewer, including excavation, at \$78.	\$780 00
25 " 5 feet cylinder " " " "	\$37.72 943 50
105 " " " " " " " "	\$34.50 3,622 00
12 sets Pools, \$45,	540 00
6 Manholes, \$15,	90 00
Dredging outside wharf,	200 —
	\$6,175 00

Joseph Granger & Co.

3964 cubic yds excavation for 4 feet sewer, at 60cts	\$2,378 40
927 " " " " " " " "	58 537 66
506 " " " " " " " "	56 282 80
12 sets Pools, \$45,	540 00
6 Manholes, \$15,	90 00
105 rods 4 feet cylinder, \$16	1,680 00
25 " 5 " " " " " " "	850 00
10 " " flat bottomed sewer, \$35,	350 00
contingencies,	200 00

\$7,028 86

Henry Pendell.	
For that portion of the sewer south of Atwater street, <i>Franklin and Orleans Street Sewer.</i>	\$7,150 00
Henry Pendell.	
Entire sewer, Charles Jackson.	\$6,225 00
74½ rods sewer, \$24,	\$1,782 00
2½ setts Pools, \$40,	130 00
38 drain irons, \$1,15	43 70
	\$1,955 70
Joseph Granger & Co.	
74½ rods sewer, \$11,50,	\$853 87
2½ setts Pools, \$40,	100 00
3 Manholes, \$10,	30 00
1560 cubic yards excavation, 43 cents,	670 80
	\$1,654 67
<i>Beaubien Street Sewer.</i>	
Charles Jackson.	
75½ rods sewer, \$25,	\$1,893 75
5 setts Pools, \$32,	406 00
42 drain castings, \$1,15,	48 30
	\$2,348 05
Joseph Granger & Co.	
75½ rods sewer, \$11,	\$833 25
8 setts Pools, \$40,	350 00
2 Manholes, \$10,	20 00
1785½ cubic yards excavation 42 cents	749 91
	\$1,923 16
Jeremiah Moore.	
75½ rods sewer, including excavation, \$19,	\$1,430 25
8 setts Pools, \$45,	360 00
2 Manholes, \$15,	30 00
	\$1,829 25
<i>Sewer in St. Antoine Street.</i>	
Charles Jackson.	
91 rods 4 feet sewer, complete, \$46,	\$4,186 00
16 " 5 " " " " " \$55,	825 00
8 66-100 rods flat bottomed sewer, \$140,	1,212 40
8 setts Pools, including Manholes, \$55,	275 00
	\$6,498 40
<i>Gratiot Street Sewer.</i>	
Joseph Granger & Co.	
77 60-100 rods sewer, \$11,	\$854 59
2024 cubic yards excavation, 43 cents,	870 32
3 setts Pools, \$40,	120 00
1 Manhole, \$10,	10 00
	\$1,854 91
<i>Extension of Woodward Avenue Sewer.</i>	
Joseph Granger & Co.	
84 54-100 rods sewer, \$17	\$1,437 18
3636 cubic yards excavation, 50 cents,	1,818 00
6 setts Pools, \$45,	270 00
2 Manholes, \$15,	30 00
	\$3,555 18
<i>Extension of Park Street Sewer.</i>	
Joseph Granger & Co.	
52 42-100 rods brickwork, \$11,	\$576 6
1182 cubic yards excavation, 42 cents,	496 44
6 setts Pools, \$40,	240 00
2 Manholes, \$10,	20 00
	\$1,333,06
<i>Sewer in Jones Street and Alley.</i>	
Joseph Granger & Co.	
43 64-100 rods sewer, \$11,	\$480 04
877 cubic yards excavation, 40 cents,	350 80
5½ setts Pools, \$40,	220 00
1 Manhole, \$10,	10 00
	\$1,060 82
Timothy Quinlan.	
43 64-100 rods sewer, \$9,	\$392 76
877 cubic yards excavation, 30 cents,	263 10
	\$655 86
Mr. Quinlan has omitted to bid for Pools and Manholes, which your Committee supposes to be an oversight on his part. If he will build them at the prices bid by Messrs. Granger & Co., he will be much the lowest bidder, and we recommend that upon that condition the contract be awarded to him; he giving the requisite security for fulfillment, as proposed by him.	
For the other Sewers the lowest bidders are as follows:	
For Rivard Street Sewer, Stephen Martin,	
" Beaubien, " Jeremiah Moore,	
" Franklin & Orleans " " Joseph Granger & Co.	
" Woodward Avenue " " do	
" Park " " do	
" Gratiot " " do	
" St. Antoine " " Charles Jackson.	
We recommend that the City Attorney prepare, and the Mayor execute contracts with the lowest bidders.	
I. W. INGERSOLL, STEPHEN MARTIN, ISAAC FINEHART, Committee on Sewers.	
Adopted. AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.	

To the Honorable the Common Council:

In obedience to a resolution passed by your Honorable Body, I herewith submit an assessment roll, being a correction to an assessment roll for paving Atwater street at the crossing of Bates street, made May 6th, 1881.

Also an assessment for filling up and abating a nuisance on lot No. 3 of Sibley's subdivision of park lots. An assessment for filling up and abating a nuisance on lots 11, 12, 13 and 15 of Duffield's subdivision of park lots, and an assessment for filling up and abating nuisances on lot 7, section 24, Dequindre farm, and lots 13 and 14, section 25, Dequindre farm.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Adopted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned begs leave to report in favor of building a new cross walk across alley on the west side of Griswold street between Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street.

Adopted.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I hereby submit to your Honorable Body an assessment roll for a plank side walk on the south side of Congress street in front of lot 83, south Congress street, Lambert Beaubien farm.

Accepted.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

I have granted permission during the last week, to George M. Rich to connect a drain from his lot on the corner of Randolph and Fort streets, with the grand sewer on Fort street; to Maxwell M. Fisher to connect a drain from lot 41, section 7, Governor and Judges' plan, with the public sewer on Woodward avenue; also to Richard Young to connect a drain from lot 2, block 1, Brush farm, with the public sewer on Brush street—the connections to be made under the supervision of the City Surveyor.

Accepted and adopted.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned would respectfully submit to your Honorable Body, that nuisances exist on the following described lots or premises in the First Ward of said city, viz:

On lot No. twelve (12) north side of Larned street between Wayne and Shelby streets. On lot No. twenty-eight (28) north side of Woodbridge street between Second and Third streets. On lots five (5) and four (4) south side of Woodbridge street between First and Cass streets. On lots six (6) and seven (7) on north side of Front street between First and Cass streets. On lots five (5) and four (4) and on lots seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9) south side of Woodbridge street. On lots four (4) and five (5) south side of Larned street between First and Cass streets. On lots ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12) and thirteen (13) on north side of Howard street between First and Cass streets, and also lots eleven (11), twelve (12) and thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) on the north side of Woodbridge street between Wayne and Cass streets; also on a lot on the corner of Larned and Cass streets, on the south side of Larned street, and on the west side of Cass street, and also the lot and premises lately occupied by Francis Wilds, deceased, over which Silas A. Bagr, Esq., has lately been appointed Administrator of said premises, being situate on Cass street.

Respectfully

THOMAS HURST, Assistant Marshal.

First Ward, City of Detroit.

On motion of Ald. Craig,

Referred to Aldermen of the Ward, and Assistant Marshal instructed to abate nuisances.

Ald. Barclay reported that the Aldermen of the Sixth Ward had discharged their Assistant Marshal, the necessary labor in cleaning streets and abating nuisances having been completed.

On motion the following report was taken from the table:

"The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of E. G. Deemoyers, for the extension of the prohibitory limits of "Cowdom," report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner."

Ald. Hull moved to amend so as to prohibit cattle from running at large within the city limits. Lost—Yeas 2,

Nays 14.

The report was then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Duncan, Finehart, Fisher,

Ingersoll, Lansing, Mayhew, Patton, and Wilcox—10.

Nays—Ald. Collins, Hull, Lyon, Martin, and the Mayor—5.

By Ald. Martin.

Resolved, That the Assistant Marshals in the several

Wards be paid, as compensation for their services, one dollar and fifty cents per day during their appointment. Adopted.

By the Committee on Taxes,

Resolved, That when tax rolls for city, school, road and

sewer taxes are completed, they shall be left with the City

Treasurer, to whom payment may be made until the 15th

day of August next, after which they will be placed in the

hands of the Ward Collectors, and a percentage be added for

collection. Adopted.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the City Attorney be and is hereby in-

structed to bring in an ordinance to amend an ordinance

relative to the Fire Department of the City of Detroit, so

as to prevent fire companies from occupying or running

with their machines on the sidewalks on paved streets.

Adopted, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Lyon, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox, and the Mayor—14.

Nay—Ald. Martin—1.

By Ald. Ingersoll,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to cause two inlets to be put into Brush street sewer on the south side of Atwater street, and one on the southwest corner of Brush and Gratiot streets. Adopted.

By Ald. Lyon,

Resolved, That when this Council adjourn, that it adjourn for four weeks.

The resolution was amended by substituting *two* for *four* weeks and adopted.

By Alderman Barclay,

Resolved, That John M. Davis be and he is hereby appointed Superintendent of Sewers for the current year, at the same compensation paid the last year. Adopted.

By Alderman Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the sidewalk on the north side of Monroe avenue from Farmer street to Randolph street to be brought to its proper grade; also to make an assessment for a sidewalk six feet wide. Adopted.

By Alderman Collins,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the opening into the First Ward sewer on the northeast of corner Front and First streets, and put a proper grate in the same. Adopted.

By the Committee on Streets,

Whereas, It appears by affidavits on file that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property fronting on Woodbridge street, from the centre of Randolph to the centre of Brush street, and on Randolph street from Jefferson avenue to Atwater street, that the Common Council would, on the 13th day of June, A. D. 1884, meet and review the assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the thirtieth day of May, A. D. 1884, to defray the expenses of grading, paving, and setting the curb stones and crossings opposite or adjacent to the above described premises; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessments, or the confirmation thereof; therefore

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and the names of persons contained therein are received as correct; that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones, which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same, according to law. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

WEDNESDAY, June 21, 1884.

Council met at the usual hour and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, O. M. HYDE.

Present—The Recorder and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Duncan, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Wilcox and the Mayor.

The Recorder was called to the Chair, and the Mayor made a verbal statement relative to a handbill purporting to have been signed by him in his official capacity.

On motion, a recess of 15 minutes was had.

On again calling the Council together, the following communication from the Mayor, was read, accepted and ordered printed by a unanimous vote:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF DETROIT, June 21, 1884.

To the Aldermen of the City of Detroit:

GENTLEMEN:—As the explanation already given by me, in my communication published in the city papers, relative to the hand-bill, or circular, recently published and circulated in our city, over my name, headed "*Cholera*," &c., is not deemed by some of my fellow-citizens, as well as by some of you, to be sufficiently definite and explicit, for the purpose of contradicting the impression that the cholera is raging in our city, I deem it proper for me to submit to you the following statement:

The circular, or hand-bill, referred to, was presented to me, by Mr. Win. J. Conger, for my signature, with the statement that it contained a recommendation of "Conger's Medicine," which was to be posted around bottles containing the medicine. I supposed it to be an ordinary certificate or recommendation that the medicines were efficacious for the purposes designed, and having had occasion to use some of the medicine in my family, and having full confidence in the integrity of Mr. Conger, and being busily engaged at the time, I signed the paper in my individual capacity, and had no idea that the paper contained any reference or allusion to the existence of cholera in Detroit or elsewhere, and I did not sign it in my official capacity, nor direct the city clerk to add any certificate as to my signature, or otherwise. It will be seen, therefore, in view of the foregoing facts, and so I am free to state, that I was deceived in regard to the contents of the paper which I signed. I would again repeat to you, and, through you, to my fellow-citizens, that I have devoted much time in looking

after the health of our city, and have no hesitation in saying that there has not been a single case of cholera in our city the present year, that has not been produced by some local cause; and further, that I know of no good reason why our citizens should entertain any alarm from an epidemic of any kind, during the present season. The general health of the city is good, and compares as favorably as ever, at this season of the year, with that of any other city in the Union.

O. M. HYDE.

The Clerk being called upon by the Council, stated that Mr. Conger called upon him some days ago, and presenting a paper signed by the Mayor, said he had been sent by the Mayor to have his signature certified to, and the signature was accordingly certified to, agreeably to the instructions of the Mayor, as stated by Mr. Conger.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Fischer:

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and is hereby instructed to make an assessment for filling up lot number five in block number four east corner of Gouin and Dequindre streets, in conformity with said street, and that the assessor of the 7th Ward cause the same lot to be filled up forthwith. Adopted.

By Ald. Ingersoll:

Resolved, That M. W. Burchard have permission to construct a drain from the Howard House, to connect with the sewer on Griswold street, under the supervision of the City Surveyor. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig:

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this Council, that his honor our Mayor, has inadvertently and unintentionally signed a document which has conveyed the impression that the Asiatic cholera exists in this city; and whereas, his official signature is attached to said handbill or circular without his knowledge or consent, giving said circular the appearance of a proclamation to the above effect, to the great injury and discomfiture to the weak and timid. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That our city was never more healthy at this season of the year than at the present time; and that the Sexton of Elmwood Cemetery be requested to make a report once in each week to this council, the number of interments, and disease of all persons interred there during each week. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig:

Resolved, That our city papers be requested to keep the proceedings of this meeting in a conspicuous part of their paper for one week. Adopted.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

DETROIT, June 1, 1884.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, ss:
To John Copland, Joy & Porter, (agents of); Eliza E. Stuart, Michael Martz, Chauncey Hubert, Theodore Williams, Jr., Campau, (heirs of); Henry Berthelet, (estate of); John Lebolt, E. P. Johnesse, Joel Langdon, John Clancy, Emily Campau, David Smart, Anthony Dudgeon, Ezekiel McDonald, Van Dyke & Lyell, Alta E. Mather, John McGuire, J. Barnabas Campau, Shubael Conant, John Biddle, Biddle House, (E. A. Brush and James A. Van Dyke, Trustees); George Doty, Patrick Tregent, Robert P. Toms, Henry Chipman, William Burnell, Amelie Piquette, Alexander M. Campau, Fire Department, John B. Long, James A. Van Dyke, Madison Cook, G. F. R. Wadleigh, John Patton, Henry Berthelet, (heirs of); and the owners and occupants of property on Randolph street, from the southern curb of Jefferson avenue to the northern curb of Atwater street, and on Woodbridge street from Randolph street to Brush street, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the thirteenth day of June, A. D. 1884, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room, in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

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RICHARD STARKEY,

City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

June 14, 1884.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, ss:
To Andrew T. McReynolds, John Farmer, or the owners or occupants of property on the south quarter of Atwater street, at the crossing of Bates street, or to any other person or persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 27th day of June, A. D. 1884, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

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R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, June 27, 1854.

Council was called to order by his Honor, the Mayor, O. M. HYDE.

Present—Alderman Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Finchart, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of John Lovett and others, for permission to enter main sewer on Seventh-st., with a lateral sewer to pass through the alley between Howard and Abbott streets, from Fifth street.

Referred to committee on sewers.
From O. B. Dibble and son, and others, proprietors of Hotels, asking for more stringent regulations in regard to "runners," and drivers of cabs.

The Mayor called Ald. Barclay to the chair, and addressed the council on the subject, and it was referred to the City Auditor.

Of E. A. Brush, for permission to move a building on lot 2, block 4, Brush farm, and to add a small winter kitchen to the rear of the building.

Referred to committee on Fire Department.
Of E. P. Chapman and others, for side walk on the south side of Jones street, from Second to Third street.

Referred to Street Commissioner.
Of J. H. Jones and others, remonstrating against construction of side walk on the east side of Fifth street.

Referred to Street Commissioner.
Of Lewis Allen, and others, for a side walk on front of lot 75, section 8, on Griswold street, and on the north side of State street from Griswold street to Woodward Avenue.

Referred to Street Commissioner.
Of Geo. Miller, to enter sewer in Miami Avenue, from lot seven, sec. 9, G. and J. plan, under the supervision of the City Surveyor. Granted.

Of C. Smith, for permission to raise his kitchen in rear of his dwelling on Woodward Avenue, two feet.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.
Of P. Devereux and others, that the side walks opposite Crawford Park, be laid out to correspond with line of Park.

Referred to Committee on Streets.
Of A. Chaffee and others, for side walk on the west side of Farrar street, from Monroe Avenue to Bates street, and cross walk across intervening alley; also, side walk on the east side of Monroe Avenue, from Farrar to Farmer street, not less than ten nor more than twenty feet wide.

Referred to Street Commissioner.
Of J. J. Cicott, leave of absence for Engine Co. No. 6, with their apparatus, on the 4th.

Granted, if sanctioned by the Chief Engineer.
Of Joseph Granger and Richard Cogger, relative to contract for excavating and building James street sewer.

On motion of Ald. Patton, referred to special committee of three. The chair appointed as such committee, Ald. Patton, Leroy and Craig.

Of Wm. Todd and others, for repairing of Catherine street, between Hastings and St. Antoine streets.

Referred to Street Commissioner.
Of C. T. Allen, for permission to move a wood house to kitchen on premises on Woodward Avenue.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department with power.
Of Geo. Egner and others, to postpone grading of side walks on west side of Monroe Avenue.

Laid on table.
Of Wm. McCoy, and J. Gassel, to be appointed City Scavengers. Granted.

Of Geo. F. Porter, for construction of sewer on Beaubien street before paving of said street.

Referred to Committee on Streets.
The Recorder, appearing, took the chair.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him: P. Keavy, labor on streets and services as assistant Marshal—contingent fund, \$36.00; road district No 8, \$39.00; pay roll 7th ward, \$48.56; Louis Beaubien Jr., assisting Surveyor 1 month, \$26.00; J. Andrews, night fire watchman 31 nights, \$46.50; Wm. Duncan, 2 months salary as chief engineer, \$83.33; Pay Roll, cleaning paved streets, \$192.44; John Patton, repairing harness, \$70.00; J. Andrews, ringing 2 alarms fire, \$4.00; John Ulrich, cleaning offices five weeks, washing windows, soap, &c., \$23.52; Justin Higgins, 15 days services as assistant Marshal, \$22.50; Bags, Patten and McDonald, stationery, \$11.00; John King, repairing Holden road ditch hauling plank, repairing streets erecting posts at City Hall, and covering culverts, \$99.50; T. Hurst, assistant Marshal, lumber and labor on streets, \$138.36; do, labor on streets in first ward, \$46.09; Wm. Knowles, drain for surface water on Third street, from Woodbridge street to river, \$217.65; do, culvert on High street, \$13.36; do, drain and pool on Front and First streets, \$6.75; T. Hurst, filling and leveling earth in the 8th ward, \$1.00; T. Hanks, labor on streets, \$171.60; do, labor, and lumber for streets in fifth ward, \$264.67; Wm. Jones, buying 317 dogs and cats, \$30.62; Hugh Flynn, 8 days grading side walks and removing earth, \$22.00; Young & Co., grates and castings, \$23.25.

Report adopted, and accounts ordered paid.

The undersigned reports that the City Attorney has this day filed in his office a contract executed by his Honor the Mayor, and Timothy Quinlan for the construction of a sewer in Jones street, and the alley from the Sixth street sewer to the west line of the Jones farm.

A. T. HALL, City Auditor.

Referred to special Committee with power.

From the City Attorney, an ordinance to amend chapter 28 of the revised ordinances of 1848, relative to the Fire Department of the city of Detroit, and an ordinance "relative to lateral sewers and drains." Laid on the table.

From the City Assessors, list of 200 names of jurors for Mayor's court, according to provisions of city charter.

Report accepted and ordered placed on file.
From the Committee on Markets, adverse to petition of R. C. Wright and others, and recommending adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the City Hall Market be, and is hereby directed to cause all the boxes and obstructions to be removed from the covered vegetable market, and cause to be erected one extra row of benches on each side of said market.

ISAAC FINEHART.

Adopted.
From the same Committee, recommending that petition of J. C. Sabine, for extra compensation as Clerk of City Hall Market, be referred to Ald. Hull, and that the sum of \$30, expended by him for help, &c., around the market, be refunded.

Adopted.
The Committee on Sewers do most respectfully report adverse to granting the prayer of John McAllister for the construction of a sewer, and the assessment of a tax on all lots in the alley where the same is to be constructed—as in the opinion of the committee the Council has no power to impose such a tax.

I. W. INGERSOLL,

STEPHEN MARTIN,

Com. on Sewers.

Adopted.
The Committee on Fire Department have examined the premises referred to in the petition of E. A. Brush, and considering that the proposed change will improve the locality as regards fire risks, approve the same and recommend granting the prayer of the petition.

JOHN PATTON,

E. A. LANSING,

H. H. LEROY,

Adopted.
Ald. Lyon reported that the Assistant Marshal for the 4th ward had been discharged. Accepted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Barclay,
Resolved, That John King is hereby appointed Street Commissioner for one year from date, and that the salary be fixed at \$1,000 for that period. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,
Resolved, That the City Auditor procure 200 copies of the charges allowed hackmen and cabmen, under the ordinance, printed on pasteboard, and that the City Treasurer charge each hack or cabman for the cost of the same, and enforce the ordinance in relation to fees of hack and cabmen. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,
Resolved, That a walk be constructed across Michigan avenue, on east and west side of Griswold street, under the direction of the Street Commissioner. Referred to Street Commissioner, with power.

By Ald. Martin,
Resolved, That the Committee on Streets report on the petition of Daniel Donovan, in relation to a sidewalk on the west side of Fifth street, at next meeting of Council.

Adopted.
By Ald. Martin,
Resolved, That the sewer to be constructed in the Eighth Ward be and is hereby ordered to be constructed on the line, and in accordance with report of Committee on Sewers adopted April 11th, 1854. Referred to special committee.

By Ald. Ingersoll,
Resolved, That the sum of \$250 be appropriated for the purchase of fire works, to be displayed on the Campus Martius on the evening of the 4th of July ensuing—the same to be purchased under the supervision of the City Auditor.

Ald. Wilcox offered the following as a substitute:
Whereas, This Common Council believe that it is their bounden duty to administer the affairs of the city under their charge in an economical manner, and to refuse to authorize or permit the expenditure of any of the city moneys for any purposes except those authorized by the charter and laws; and whereas we believe that a contrary course forms a dangerous precedent, and will become a great, as it is a growing evil; therefore

Resolved, That while the members of this Council appreciate and fully sympathize in the patriotic and hospitable motive which may induce many of our good citizens to apply to the city for appropriations of moneys for purposes which, however praiseworthy in themselves, are not contemplated by the city charter, we deem it right and proper to set the precedent, and declare that we must in all such cases hereafter refuse to make such appropriations, because they are not authorized by the charter, and because to spend moneys from the treasury for such purposes is the taxing of many who may be unable or unwilling to participate in the benefit, or pleasure derived.

The substitute was adopted, as follows:
Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Hull, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Wilcox, and the Recorder, acting Mayor—8.

Nays—Ald. Craig, Finchart, Ingersoll, and Lansing—4.

By Alderman Craig,
Resolved, That the City Attorney be and he is hereby instructed to bring in an ordinance amending sec. 4 of ch. 22 of revised ordinances, relative to cabs, hackney coaches and other vehicles, so as to provide that the penalty therein named shall not be less than ten dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court. Also,

to amend sec. 3 of said ch. 22, so as to include carriages' hackney coaches and other vehicles in the provision therein contained relative to the hire of cabs by the hour.

Adopted.

By Alderman Hull,

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets cause the sidewalk on the west side of Monroe avenue to be graded from the Camous Martinus to Randolph street, and that side and cross walks not less than ten feet wide be constructed thereon. Adopted.

By Ald. Hull,

Whereas, It appears by affidavits on file, that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property on Woodward avenue, from the centre of Atwater street to the river, in the city of Detroit, and to all other persons interested, that the Common Council would, on the 20th day of June, A. D. 1854, meet and review the assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 6th day of June, A. D. 1854, to defray the expenses of grading, paving, and setting the curb stones and crossings opposite to the above-described premises, and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment or the confirmation thereof; therefore

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed, that the description of premises and names of persons contained therein are received as correct, that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same, according to law. Adopted.

By Ald. Hull,

Whereas, It appears by affidavit on file that due notice has been given to owners and occupants of property on the south quarter of Atwater street, at the crossing of Bates street, in the city of Detroit, and to all other persons interested, that the Common Council would, on the 27th day of June, A. D. 1854, meet and review the assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 13th day of June, A. D. 1854, to defray the expense of grading, paving, and setting the curb stones and crossings opposite to the above-described premises; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment, or the confirmation thereof; therefore

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and the names of persons contained therein are received as correct, that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be the correct ones which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same, according to law. Adopted.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR. \$500,00 REWARD.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Detroit, June 29th, 1854.

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED in me, as Mayor of the City of Detroit, I hereby offer a reward of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who committed the depredations in the Scotch Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Bates and Farmer streets, on the night of the 28th June, inst.

OLIVER M. HYDE,
Mayor of the City of Detroit.

We, the undersigned, offer a reward of

250 DOLLARS

Additional to that of the Mayor of the city for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who committed the depredations in the Scotch Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Bates and Farmer streets, on the night of the 28th June, inst.

WILLIAM BARCLAY,
DUNCAN STEWART,
ROBERT LINN,
GEORGE MCILLAN,
EBEN ANDERSON.

Detroit, June 30, 1854.

PAY PAVING ASSESSMENTS AND SAVE THE PER CENTAGE.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
DETROIT, July 8, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE ASSESSMENT rolls for grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings on Woodward avenue, from the centre of Atwater street to the river, and on the south quarter of Atwater street at the crossing of Bates street, have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom those interested may make payment until the third day of August, 1854, after which they will be placed in the hands of the Marshal, and five per cent. added, for collection.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

SATURDAY, July 1st, 1854.

Council met at 3 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by his Honor the Recorder, WM. A. COOK.

Present—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Mayhew, and Wilcox.

The chair stated the object of the session, when Ald. Barclay offered the following:

Whereas, Several fires have recently occurred in this city, which are believed to have been caused by incendiaries, and many depredations have been committed upon the property of citizens, therefore,

Resolved, That his Honor, the Mayor, be requested to call a meeting of the Freemen of the city of Detroit, to be held at the City Hall, on Monday, the third day of July at 3 o'clock P. M., to take into consideration the propriety of assenting to the collection of a special tax for defraying the expense of maintaining a sufficient watch, under the direction of the Common Council.

Resolved, That a committee of five Aldermen be appointed to present to the Freemen the amount required for the maintenance of said watch. Adopted.

The Chair appointed as such committee Aldermen Barclay, Craig, Lansing, Ingersoll and Collins.

Ald. Collins offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Aldermen of each Ward present the names of four persons from each Ward to be appointed by the Mayor as a night watch, pro tempore, until the freemen are called upon to vote a tax for that purpose.

Lost, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Collins, Craig, Duncan, Lyon, and Mayhew

—5.

Nays—Ald. Barclay, Doyle, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Wilcox, and the Recorder, acting as Mayor—10.

Ald. Hull moved to reconsider the preamble and resolutions offered by Ald. Barclay. Carried.

The preamble and resolutions were again adopted, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Mayhew, Wilcox, and the Recorder, acting Mayor—13.

Nays—Ald. Craig and Hull—2.

On motion of Ald. Collins, the vote by which his resolution was lost, was reconsidered.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the resolution, it was again lost. Yeas, 6. Nays, 8.

The following communication was received:

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I had earnestly hoped that the necessity for this communication might be avoided, but having for the past two years suffered from ill health induced by confinement to office duties and being advised by my physician that an immediate change of residence, with a less sedentary employment, is essential to my recovery, I am compelled most respectfully to tender my resignation of the office of City Auditor.

I shall at the earliest moment, furnish the Committee on Ways and Means of the Council a full statement of the financial condition of the city, and also deliver to them the books and vouchers in my office.

With the expression of my grateful thanks to the Council, and to my fellow citizens generally, for their repeated expressions of kindness and respect, I am, gentlemen,

Very respy your obt' servt,

AMOS T. HALL.

On motion of Alderman Barclay, the resignation was accepted, to take effect on the 11th of July.

By Ald. Lansing:

Resolved, That this Council have heard with regret the resignation of Amos T. Hall, Esq., City Auditor, and hereby express to him their approval of his faithful and efficient discharge of the duties that have devolved on him, and in his retiring from the position he has long and ably filled, tender him their best wishes for his future prosperity and happiness. Adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I herewith submit to your hon. body assessment rolls for defraying the expense of cast iron plates for covering the gutters on Woodward avenue, at the crossing of Woodward and Atwater streets. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, July 1st, 1854.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Fischer:

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to G. Nestmann, to connect a drain from the corner lot of Russell and Maple streets with the Russell street sewer, under the supervision of the City Surveyor. Adopted.

Resolved, That the Mayor offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who committed the depredations in the Scotch Presbyterian Church on the night of the 28th inst. Adopted.

By Ald. Duncan:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause an assessment to be made for a plank sidewalk, eight feet wide, on the west side of Second street, from Front street to Woodbridge street, and that the work be done forthwith. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

Financial Statement by the City Auditor.

To the Committee on Ways and Means of the Common Council of Detroit—a Statement of the financial condition of the city of Detroit, July 1st, 1884.

BALANCE AUXILIARY LEDGER.

Liabilities,	Debit Bal.	Credit Bal.
Bonds coming due in 1884	\$10,575 76	\$355,619 84
do do do 1885	3,078 26	
do do do 1886	60,530 25	
do do do 1887	20,000 00	
do do do 1888	50,000 00	
do do do 1889	60,000 00	
do do do 1890	50,000 00	
do do do 1891	10,919 78	
do do do 1892	27,925 75	
do do do 1893	19,320 21	
do do do 1894	400 00	
do do do 1895	22,000 00	
Optional,	3,450 20	\$328,500 21

Warrants issued previous to May 15th, 1880, 1,138 46

Unpaid claims allowed previous to March 15, 1884, contingent fund, \$279.67; Fire Department fund, \$701.63; Hydraulic Works \$7.00; Sewer Fund, \$11.91; Mayor's Court Fund, \$156.42; General Road Fund, \$83.35; Road District No. 1, \$484.13; No. 2, \$1.50; No. 3, \$242.44; No. 4, \$46.90; No. 5, \$59.70; No. 6, \$93.75; No. 7, \$48.04

Claims allowed since March 15, 1884, and unpaid Contingent Fund, \$3,408.94; City Poor F'd, \$861.99; Fire Dept'm't, \$745.00; General Road Fund, \$87.31; Road District No. 1, \$497.63; No. 2, \$272.33; No. 3, \$69.81; No. 4, \$165.44; No. 5, \$480.29; No. 6, \$77.24; No. 7, \$288.19; No. 8, \$197.75; Street Lamp Fund, \$34.63; General Sewer Fund, \$415.46; repair of 8th ward sewer, \$8.25; Grand Sewer outlet, \$5.37; Park imp'ts, \$130.36

Bonds held by Trustees of the Sinking Fund, 7,735 80

16,029 82

NOTE.—The Bonds held by the Trustees of the Sinking Fund amounting to the sum of \$16,029.82, and bonds and Mortgages and Land Contracts held by them for the sum of \$5,657.50, together with the cash in the hands of the City Treasurer to the credit of the Sinking Fund, amounting to the sum of \$2,017.76, making in the aggregate the sum \$26,735.08, should be deducted from the aggregate of liabilities, which will show the balance of city indebtedness not provided for, to be the sum of \$328,884.76.

Warrants issued previous to May 15, 1880, which have been presented to the City Treasurer and indorsed by him bear interest until the 20th day of July, 1881, at which time public notice was given by advertisement dated July 9, 1881, and published in the Detroit Daily Advertiser, the then official paper of the city, that interest would cease, and that money was in the city treasury for payment of said warrants and the interest then due thereon.

The ordinance relative to the Sinking Fund was ordained March 23d, 1882. (See ordinance.) The city bonds, together with the bonds and mortgages, and the land contracts are held by the City Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET OF GENERAL LEDGER.

	Debit Bal.	Credit Bal.
City Treasurer,	\$15,724 92	
Sinking Fund,		\$2,017 76
Interest Fund,		1,269 11
Board of Education,		23 32
Redemption Account,		81 68
Unpaid claims, (allowed previous to March 15, 1884.)		2,218 46
General Road Fund,	46 83	
Road District No. 1,	469 32	
" " " 2,	3	
" " " 3,	239 09	129 89
" " " 4,	28 09	
" " " 5,	67 95	
" " " 6,	93 14	
" " " 7,	46 22	
" " " 8,		87 45
Contingent Fund,		371 25
City Poor Fund,	50 00	
Fire Department Fund,	558 28	
Mayor's Court Fund,	441 80	
Street Lamp Fund,		230 38
General Sewer Fund,	32 45	
Russell, Randolph, Sixth, and Middle street sewers,		2,299 41
Repair of eighth ward sewer F'd.		457 07
Brush-st. Sewer Fund,		231 98
Grand Sewer Outlet Fund,		409 45
Paving account,		8,052 22
Park Improvements Fund,		8 74
	\$17,788 07	\$17,788 07

Statement of expenditures chargeable to the different Funds from March 15, to July 1st, 1884.

Contingent Fund.	
Old corporation due bills paid and reported,	\$2 81
Expenses of election,	276 62
Salaries of officers, assistants and laborers,	2,112 13
Printing and Advertising in American,	129 25
do do German,	43 76
Assessing taxes and making rolls,	72 00
Repairs and expenditures for City Hall and Market,	34 78
Hurrying dead animals,	43 37
Blank books and stationery,	156 68
Special Police service,	2 00
Gass for street lamps,	1,149 70
Refunding taxes erroneously assessed,	5 03
Jail fees and board of prisoners from Mayor's court,	29 92
Planking around hay scales,	8 58
Repairing Hearse,	70 00
Refunding J. Canaan's fine in Mayor's court,	58 00
Paying Dr. Brodie for amputating J. Champau's leg, (old claim)	25 90
	\$4,863 23

City Poor Fund.	
Hospital care of sick in March and April,	129 43
Interring 3 adults and 4 children,	29 78
Vaccinating 12 pauper children,	3 00
Salary of Physician and Director of Poor 3 months,	150 00
Disbursement by Director of Poor for relief, March and April,	599 81
	\$911 99

Fire Department Fund.	
Salary of Chief Engineer for year ending April 12, 1884,	300 00
Salary of Chief Engineer for 2 months to June 12, 1884,	83 33
Making fires in Engine Houses,	24 00
Wood for do do	94 17
Repairs of do do	36 64
do Engines,	100 00
Ring fire alarms,	16 09
Night fire watchman,	138 00
Supplies and furniture,	8 00
Contingencies,	18 75
	\$817 92

General Road Fund.	
Grading for side walks,	\$57 31
Road District No. 1,	
Surface drains and grates,	\$231 35
Cleaning Pavements,	45 75
Materials and labor on streets,	220 53
	\$497 68

Road District No. 2.	
Materials and labor on streets,	\$48 45
Crossings over gutters,	35 57
Cleaning pavements,	223 94
	\$307 96

Road District No. 3.	
Materials and labor on streets,	\$82 31
Cleaning pavements,	7 40
	\$89 81

Road District No. 4.	
Materials and labor on streets,	\$116 34
Lime,	42 00
	\$158 34

Road District No. 5.	
Cleaning pavements,	4 00
Materials and labor on streets,	476 29
	\$480 29

Road District No. 6.	
Cleaning pavements,	40 00
Materials and labor on streets,	37 24
	\$77 24

Road District No. 7.	
Materials and labor on streets, and abating nuisances,	\$288 19
Road District No. 8.	

Road District No. 8.	
Planking gutters on Fifth-st, and Michigan avenue,	\$28 00
Abating nuisance, and labor on streets,	169 75
	\$197 75

Street Lamp Fund.	
Setting and resetting lamp posts and repairing lamps,	\$69 01
General Sewer Fund.	

General Sewer Fund.	
Repairs of sewers, pools and pipes, and Holden ditch,	\$443 97
Russell, Randolph, Sixth and Middle-st Sewer Fund,	

Repair of 8th Ward Sewer Fund.	
Amount paid contractors,	\$87 84
Repairs,	25 16
Grand Sewer Outlet.	

Grand Sewer Outlet.	
Repairs,	16 67
Park Improvement Fund.	

Park Improvement Fund.	
Planting trees and making walk on Grand Circus,	151 63

NOTE.—To the foregoing statement of expenditures, must be added the debit balance, to show the aggregate debts of the respective funds.

Receipts credited the different funds from March 15, to July 1st, 1884, inclusive.	
Contingent Fund.	\$11 00
Certificate of tax sales,	85 00
Rent of hay scales,	

Sales of lots in Cemetery,	20 00
Rent of Vegetable Market,	245 50
Licenses for exhibitions,	60 00
Sales of Revised Charter and Ordinances,	1 00
Tax Leases,	3 00
Delinquent Taxes,	52 13
Rent of Stalls City Hall Market,	635 00
Rent of City Hall,	25 00
Rent of Washington Market	50 00
Rent of huckster benches	80 50
Cab licenses,	4 75
Circus License,	333 00
Theatre License,	50 00
Licenses for selling meat,	5 00
Dray Licenses,	50 00

\$1,711 47

Sinking Fund.

E. McDonald, prin. & interest on con't.,	\$218 40
A. E. Mather, do do do	978 90
O. Flynn & Haskell do do do	686 40

\$1,883 70

General Road Fund.

Delinquent Road Tax of 1849,	\$13 74
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Road District No. 3.

Delinquent Taxes,	\$2 00
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Fire Department Fund.

Sale of old hose house to J. Ladue,	\$28 00
" " " " to water commissioners,	199 50

\$227 50

Street Lamp Fund.

Rec'd. of A. Burrill for breaking lamp post,	\$30 00
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Sale of drain casting to J. S. Wright,	\$1 64
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Park Improvement Fund.

Sale of grass in Grand Circus and Centre Park,	\$30 00
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NOTE.—The account of the Board of Education, shows the amount of Delinquent School Taxes, received by City Treasurer, and payable to the Treasurer of the Board on demand.

Redemption account shows the amount due purchasers at tax sales, for lots redeemed from sale and is payable to the purchasers on surrender of their certificates of sale.

Paving account shows the amount of collections on paving assessments, and is payable to the contractor as his work progresses in proportion to the amount of work accepted and approved by the committee on streets.

At the close of each fiscal year, all claims which have been allowed by the council and remain unpaid, are charged to the respective funds out of which they are made payable, and credited to unpaid claims account, and whenever said claims are paid, they should be debited to unpaid claims account instead of the Fund on which they were allowed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, July 8, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:
To James Abbott, J. R. Williams, Samuel P. Brady, Joseph Campau, Chauncey Hulbert, Theodore H. Eaton, Hiram R. Walker, and the owners and occupants of property on Woodward avenue to the centre of the blocks on each side of Atwater street:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expense of cast-iron plates for covering the gutters in Woodward avenue, at the crossing of Atwater street; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 25th day of July, A. D. 1854, when you may appear before the Common Council, at the Common Council room of said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

PAY PAVING ASSESSMENTS AND SAVE PER CENTAGE.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, June 8, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE assessment rolls for grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings on Woodbridge street, from the eastern curb of Woodward avenue to the centre of Randolph street; on Atwater street from St. Antoine street to Orleans street, and on Woodward avenue, from the southern curb of Jefferson avenue to the centre of Atwater street, have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom those interested may make payment until the thirtieth day of June, 1854, after which they will be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and five per cent added for collection.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

Proclamation by the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Detroit, July 1st, 1854.

PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION OF THE Common Council, passed at a session held on the 1st day of July, 1854, the freemen of the City of Detroit are hereby requested to meet at the City Hall, on Monday, the 3d day of July inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., to take into consideration the propriety of levying and collecting a Special Tax for defraying the expense of maintaining a Watch in said city.

OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO LATERAL SEWERS OR DRAINS.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of Detroit, in Common Council convened:

SEC. 1. That the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of said city, in Common Council convened, may, by resolution, in all cases direct every owner of lots or land, or his or her agent, or tenant, adjoining any street or alley in said city, to build lateral sewers or drains, to make a sufficient drainage from his house, yard, or lot, whenever in their opinion the same shall be necessary; provided said Common Council, by resolution, shall direct lateral sewers or drains to be laid or constructed through or in said streets and alleys, and shall thereupon give such owner or agent notice thereof in writing, specifying the time within which said lateral sewer or drain shall be completed; and in case the said owner, agent, or tenant, shall neglect or refuse to construct the same, and complete the same within the time specified, the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of said city, shall cause the same to be done at the cost of said owner, agent, or tenant, and shall recover the whole amount of the expense thereof, upon complaint in the Mayor's Court, and the costs of prosecution.

SEC. 2. All lateral sewers and drains which hereafter shall be built, and entered into any public sewer of said city, shall be built of such materials as the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of said city shall direct, and be laid or constructed in such direction, of such size and width, such descent, and with such strangers, as said Common Council shall require.

SEC. 3. All owners, agents, or tenants of land or lots lying alongside or upon any street or alley in said city through which the Common Council of said city shall order or direct lateral sewers or drains to be built, constructed, repaired, or cleansed, shall make, repair, relay, or cleanse such lateral sewer or drain at their own expense and cost, in the manner and within the time prescribed by resolution of said Common Council, upon written notice of the same to said owner, agent, or occupant or tenant to the effect thereof, and if not done within the time prescribed, and in the manner directed, said Common Council may cause the same to be constructed, repaired, relaid, or cleansed, and the City Surveyor shall assess the expense of constructing the same in a rateable proportion to said owners, agents, or tenants of land or lots adjoining said street or alley; and the said sum of money so assessed on such lot or land shall be a lien thereon, and upon suit being commenced in the Mayor's Court of said city, said sum of money so assessed to said owner, agent, or occupant, may be recovered, together with the costs of prosecution.

SEC. 4. Whenever the owner of any lot or piece of land adjoining any street or alley through which the Common Council shall direct lateral sewers or drains to be built or constructed as aforesaid, shall be a non-resident of said city, said Common Council in such case shall give thirty days' public notice, in the official paper of said city, of the order of said Common Council for the construction of said lateral sewer or drain upon said street or alley, and after the expiration of said thirty days it shall be lawful for said Common Council to build said sewer, pursuant to said public notice, in case said owner has neglected so to do, at the cost of said owner, as aforesaid; and the cost of construction of said sewer or drain shall be collected, together with costs of prosecution, in the Mayor's Court.

SEC. 5. Whenever it shall appear to the satisfaction of said Common Council that any lot or piece of land adjoining any street or alley in said city through which the Common Council of said city shall direct lateral sewers or drains to be built, said premises having been properly and sufficiently drained, at the expense of the owner or agent of said premises, it shall be in the discretion of said Common Council to make such deduction from the assessment for said sewer or drain for said drainage as they shall deem reasonable and just to said owner or agent.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and dated at Detroit, the eleventh day of July, A. D. 1854.

Attest: RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, July 8, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:
To J. W. Porter, Geo. Kirby & Co., Mariners' Church, H. P. Baldwin, Zachariah Chandler, Alexander H. Newbould, Thomas C. Miller, Moses F. Dickinson, Benjamin F. H. Witherell, John L. King, Estate of Peter Godfrey, D. J. Campau, Agent; Crane & Wesson, Flattery & Brother, and to the owners and occupants of property on Woodward avenue, to the centre of the blocks on each side of Woodbridge street:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expense of cast-iron plates for covering the gutters on Woodward avenue, at the crossing of Woodbridge street; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 25th day of July, A. D. 1854, when you may appear before the Common Council, at the Common Council room in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

July 13-101

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

DETROIT, July 11, 1884.

The Council was called to order by his Honor, the Recorder and acting Mayor, Wm. A. Cook.

Present—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of M. M. Fisher and others, asking that all obstructions be taken away on the east side of Woodward avenue, or moved back to line of lots, and that a 20 foot side walk be laid to the grade of the street. Referred to Committee on streets.

Of Theodore Henrick, for a six foot plank walk on the north side of Mullet street, between Hastings and Orleans streets. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Edward Cornfield, for abatement of nuisance. Referred to Marshal.

Of S. A. Baker, to use one half of Shelby street, in front of his lot, for building purposes. Granted, the petitioner to comply with the ordinances in regard to use of streets for building purposes.

Of A. Sheeley and others, for appointment of Wm. Lattelle as special constable for certain purposes. Referred to Committee on Health, with power.

Of John Campbell, City Treasurer, for an assistant in receiving city and school taxes. Referred to Committee of Ways and Means with power.

Of S. A. Baker, to enter sewer on Shelby street. Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of Eli Laderoot, City Marshal, for new warrants, so as to extend the time of collecting paving assessments on non-resident lots 30 days. Granted.

Of Thomas M. Hubbell, to connect a drain from lot 78, Brown's subdivision of Park lots, into Clifford street sewer. Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of A. Sheeley and others, for side walk 20 feet wide and 200 feet long on the east side of Woodward avenue, commencing at James Williams' corner. Referred to Committee on streets.

Of N. P. Jacobs and others, for the immediate paving of Fort street, from Campus Martius to Third street. Referred to Committee on streets.

Of B. Fraks, to enter Hastings street sewer from lot 174, north side of Catharine street. Referred to Superintendent of Sewers with power.

Of E. P. Christian, City Physician, for increase of salary. Referred to Committee on Health.

Of J. S. & H. H. Wright, relative to damage of property, occasioned by obstruction of drain. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of S. A. Baker, to construct a brick vault in the Alley between Larned street and Jefferson avenue, to be used for coal and wood. Granted under supervision of Street Commissioner.

Of Samuel Zug, relative to nuisance. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of E. A. Brush, Chief Warden of the board of Fire Wardens, asking that Wm. Duncan be appointed a Fire Warden to fill a vacancy in the 3d ward, he having been nominated by the board of Fire Wardens. Nomination confirmed.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

Wm. Knowles, bridging gutter in alley between State street and Monroe avenue, \$2.50; do., bridges, corner of Fourth, Larned, and Woodbridge streets, \$12.74; Isaac Finehart, paying M. Carroll for 6 1/2 days work digging down to sewers for Surveyor; do., rebuilding sewer in alley between Bates street and Woodward avenue, south side of Atwater street, 278.20; Wm. Knowles, pool and drain Gratiot and Brush streets, 20.88; do., bridges, gutters and alley in Griswold street, 14.87; do., 2 drains from foot of Woodward avenue to river, \$20.75; do., 2 pools and drains on Brush and Atwater streets, \$19.38; Edward Choep, repairing bell spring, and steeling picks, 12 steel hoes and handles for cleaning paving; S. French, repairing paving, \$39.51; J. Campbell, paying insurance on Engine Houses, \$50.33; do., paying insurance on City Hall, \$50; John King, salary Street Commissioner, \$79.17; F. McDonald, salary clerk of Market, \$33.33; E. Laderoot, salary City Marshal, \$50; J. Campbell, salary City Treasurer, \$58.33; Thomas Campau, salary City Surveyor, \$66.67; L. B. Willard, salary Director of Poor, \$25; E. P. Christian, salary City Physician, \$25; Wm. Duncan, salary Chief Engineer, 41.67; Richard Starkey, salary City Clerk, \$50; J. Knox Gavin, salary City Attorney, \$25; Amos T. Hall, salary City Auditor, \$150; J. Granger, \$20.63; Geo. M. Lane, 2 months services as assistant Surveyor, \$30.75; E. Choep, repairing bell springs, \$1.00; J. Andrews, ringing alarm of fire on night of 5th July, \$2; Godfrey, Dean & Laible, painting 20 signs for parks, 1 for Street Commissioner, and 8 badges for assistant Marshals, and glazing for City Hall and Market, \$37.50; D. McLane, hauling and distributing lime at City Hall Market, \$3; L. B. Willard, Director of Poor, disbursements in June, \$6.43; do., poor disbursements in May, \$102.25; Chauncey Hurlbut, supplies for Engine Companies, \$144.42; Hospital, care of sick poor in May, \$72; J. Andrews, ringing public bell for quarter ending June 30, \$25; do., ringing alarm, June 30, \$2; Samuel French, filling streets, grading side walks and relaying and repairing pavement, \$67.50; Geo. Miller, 26 day services as assistant Marshal 4th ward, \$39; Charles

O'Neil, assistant Marshal, materials and labor in abating nuisances, \$71.

The Committee of Ways and Means report, that they have examined the statement of the financial condition of the city of Detroit, submitted to them by Amos T. Hall, Esq., late City Auditor, together with the amount of payments made by him, and sundry vouchers of claims allowed, and find the same correct.

E. A. LANSING,
WM. BARCLAY,
EDWARD DOYLE,
Com. of Ways and Means.

July 11, 1884.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

In obedience to a resolution adopted by your Hon. body, I herewith submit to you a profile and estimate of the expenses of a sewer in Second street, from the Detroit river to the alley north of Larned street; said sewer to be 3 feet in diameter in the clear; and the estimate cost for building the same being \$780.

I also submit an assessment roll for filling up and abating a nuisance on lot No. 5, block 4, Deguindre farm. Also submit assessment rolls for plank Third street, eight feet wide, from Congress street to Michigan avenue; and I also submit to your Hon. body assessment rolls for paving the following portions of streets, to wit:

Randolph-st., from south curb of Atwater-st. to the river; Brush-st., from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to north curb of Woodbridge-st.; Brush-st., from the south curb of Woodbridge-st. to north curb of Atwater street; Beaubien street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to north curb of Woodbridge-st.; Woodbridge-st., from the centre of Brush-st. to the centre of Beaubien-st.; Woodbridge-st., from the centre of Beaubien to the centre of St. Antoine street; Atwater-st., from the centre of Orleans-st. to the centre of Deguindre-st.; alley between Bates and Randolph streets, and Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street; and alley between Brush and Beaubien streets, and Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street; all of which are respectfully submitted. THOS. CAMPAN, City Surveyor.

Detroit, July 11th, 1884.

Report accepted.

On motion, so much of report as regards sewers was referred to Committee on sewers, so much as relates to abating nuisance confirmed, and so much as refers to plank and paving streets to Street Commissioner.

The Committee on sewers most respectfully report in favor of granting the prayer of John Lorett and others, to enter the Seventh street sewer, under the superintendence of the City Surveyor.

I. W. INGERSOLL,
ISAAC FINEHART,
STEPHEN MARTIN.

From the City Attorney, an ordinance relative to numbering buildings in the city of Detroit. Laid on table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion, an ordinance relative to night watch was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

An ordinance to amend chapter twenty-eight of the ordinances of 1848, relative to the Fire Department of the city of Detroit, was passed.

An ordinance relative to lateral sewers or drains, was also passed.

Ald. Hull moved that the Council proceed to elect a City Auditor viva voce.

Ald. Leroy moved to amend by taking an informal and secret ballot for City Auditor. Lost, yeas 6, nays 11.

After the sixth informal ballot, the Council proceeded to a formal ballot for City Auditor.

On the sixth formal ballot, the vote was as follows:

For Charles Peltier—Ald. Craig, Doyle, Finehart, Hull, Lansing, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and the Recorder, acting Mayor—9.

For Horace S. Roberts—Ald. Barclay, Duncan, Fischer, Ingersoll, Leroy, Lyon, and Wilcox—7.

Ald. Hull moved that Charles Peltier be declared unanimously elected. Carried, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Yeas—Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Hull, Lansing, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and Recorder, acting Mayor—10. Nays—Barclay, Fischer, Ingersoll, Leroy, Lyon, and Wilcox—6.

By Ald. Ingersoll:

Resolved, That the Marshal, assistant Marshals and Constables of the city of Detroit, be, and they are hereby instructed to enforce, strictly, the provisions of section number twenty, of an act of the Legislature, approved June 27 1851, which is in the following words, to wit: "If any common victualer or retailer of spirituous liquors, other than an inn holder or tavern keeper, shall keep open his house, cellar, store, shop, or other place of business, on any part of the first day of the week, or on the evening of any other day of the week, at a later hour than ten o'clock, and entertain any person therein by selling him any spirituous liquor, he shall forfeit for each offence the sum of ten dollars."

Resolved, That his honor, the Mayor, appoint one or more assistant Marshals to aid in enforcing the foregoing provisions of law. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig:

Resolved, That the Marshal cause to be removed, forthwith, house from centre of Shelby street. Adopted.

By Ald. Patton:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire Department, and Chief Engineer, report to this Council suitable locations for the twelve reservoirs voted for by the Freemen of this city. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to put down pools at the four corners of Park and Elizabeth streets, to connect with the Park street sewer. Adopted.

By Ald. Patton,
Resolved, That John Stadler be appointed Constable for the 3d ward, in place of John Warren, deceased. Adopted.

By Ald. Doyle,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the side walks on the north and south sides of Crogan street, between Dequindre and Randolph streets, to be laid down immediately, as heretofore ordered by this Council. Adopted.

By Ald. Martin,
Resolved, That the Committee on taxes be directed to purchase a set of field books, and employ a competent person to prepare the same in time for next year's assessments. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

Detroit, July 24, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS.

To Geo. B. Throop, Mary A. Wilcox, J. I. B. Campau (Ant. Beaubien agent), First Congregational Church and soc. James Shearer, William Barnell, Sarah Drury, Joseph Campau, Charles Trombley, agent, George Doty, Jas. A. Van Dyke, Theodore Williams, George Porter, Leonard Richter, J. B. Campau, (estate of Ant. Beaubien agent), John K. Williams, James Beard, Francis Lesperance, Daniel J. Campau, Oliver M. Hyde, John Patton, G. F. R. Wadleigh, Henry Berthelet (heirs of), Michael Martz, Chauncey Hurlbut, Luther Beecher, Thomas Earley, Mary A. Cicotte, Thomas Coquillard, George Scherendy, Charles O'Neill, Matthew Oliver, Neil Flatery, Edmund A. Bausch, Peter Lee, Thomas Trombley, Robert Beaubien, Margaret Hanks, James P. Mansfield, John P. Long, John J. Garrison, Charles Moran, Daniel J. Campau, Thomas Chase, Wales & Co., Maxwell M. Fisher, Patrick T. agent, George Doty, Robert P. Toms, Henry Chipman, Anydigue Piquette, Alexander M. Campau, Fire Department, Alexander H. Newbould, J. H. Farnsworth, Levi Bishop, Elisha Taylor, Mary Wilcox, Sears Stevens, First Congregational Church Society, Eurotas P. Hastings, John T. Meldrum, Genevieve Poupard, Samuel Bentley, Charles Lapier, Peter Leveigne, Henry Mooney, Patrick Griffin, Thomas Weston (heirs of), Antoine Beaubien, Dennis Flattery, Sarah Duny, Andrew Bates, Charles Beaubien, Matthew Oliver, Geo. Schwenck, Thomas Coquillard, Louis Kunze, David Cooper, Victoria Cole, A. W. Elmer, David French, Miss Emily Campau, John Biddle, J. Bour, Luther Beecher, Elmy Power, Madison Cook, Elisha Taylor, Lucy Bishop, James H. Farnsworth, and the owners and occupants of property on the following portions of streets, to wit: on Randolph street, from the south curb of Atwater street to the river; on Brush street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to north curb of Woodbridge street; on Brush street, from the south curb of Woodbridge street to the north curb of Atwater street; on Beaubien street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to north curb of Woodbridge street; on Woodbridge street, from the centre of Brush street to the centre of Beaubien street; on Woodbridge street, from the centre of Woodbridge street to the centre of St. Antoine street; on Atwater street, from the centre of Orleans street to the centre of Dequindre street; on alley between Bates and Randolph streets and Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street; and on alley between Brush and Beaubien streets and Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street—and to all other person or persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city; where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the eighth day of August, A. D. 1854, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room, in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law. RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT (28) OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1848, relative to the Fire Department of the city of Detroit.

Sec. 1. Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the city of Detroit, in Common Council convened, That chapter twenty-eight of the Revised Ordinances of 1848 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section, which shall stand as section twenty-five of said ordinance.

Sec. 2. No fire engine company, hook and ladder, truck, or hose company, shall, in going or returning from any fire in said city, or elsewhere, be run, driven, wheeled, or placed upon any sidewalk adjoining or lying alongside any paved street or alley in said city, under the penalty of not to exceed twenty-five dollars and costs, for each offence, recoverable from the parties in charge of said fire engine, hook and ladder, truck, or hose cart company, upon complaint in the Mayor's Court of said city.

Sec. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and dated at Detroit, the eleventh day of July, A. D. 1854.

Attest: RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, July 18, 1854.

The Council met at the usual hour, and was called to order by his honor, the Mayor, O. M. HYDE.

Present—The Recorder, and Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Fincham, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

From O. B. Dibble, asking that nuisance caused by soap and candle factory on Woodbridge street, be abated forthwith.

On motion of Ald. Hull, the Council resolved itself into a board of health. Yeas 6; nays 4.

Of G. E. Hall, to extend daguerroian rooms over alley in rear of Firemen's Hall. Laid on table.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Ald. Ingersoll offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city Marshal be, and he is hereby directed to proceed forthwith to the soap and candle factory of Mr. Clancy, on Woodbridge street, between Randolph and Bates streets, and remove from the same, all nuisances in or about said factory, and all causes of ill smells therefrom, and that the Marshal take any and all necessary steps to prevent the proprietor of said factory, until further orders from this board of health, from prosecuting business in said building calculated to create a nuisance.

Ald. Doyle offered the following as an amendment, which was accepted, and the resolution as amended was then adopted.

And that the Committee on Health meet, and visit the other different soap and candle factories within the limits of the city; and in case any nuisance exists on the same, that they instruct the Marshal to have the same abated forthwith.

By Ald. Lansing,

Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed, one of whom shall be his honor the Mayor, to act in conjunction with Drs. Pitcher, Terry, and Brodie, who, together, shall ascertain and report daily, for publication, the number of interments that have been made in the different places of burial; and the character of diseases by which death has been caused; and that the city physician ascertain and report at the Mayor's office, between the hours of 6 and 7 o'clock A. M. of each day; and that the city sexton and others report to said physician. Adopted.

The Mayor appointed Ald. Lansing, the Recorder, and Ald. Lyon, as a such Committee.

The Council was again called to order, and the following petitions acted upon:

Of B. Wight and others, for aid in supporting Thomas S. Knight, insane. Referred to the Recorder.

Of J. Wilkie Moore, for removal of the powder magazine from the 7th ward out of the city. Referred to Marshal with power to remove forthwith.

Of John King, for action by the Council relative to paying for side and cross walks. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of John M. Davis and others, for appointment of Peter Lang as Constable in place of David Cicotte, removed from the 4th ward. Referred to the Aldermen of the ward.

Of Luke Houghland, to connect with sewer on John R street and Madison avenue. Granted, under supervision of City Surveyor.

From M. Andrieu, that the use of the Hall might be granted to him free for the time he has been exhibiting.

Of G. E. Hall, to extend daguerroian rooms over alley in rear of Firemen's Hall. Laid on table.

Communication from John Reilly, tendering his resignation as Assistant Marshal. Laid on table.

The following communication was received:

OFFICE OF WATER WORKS, July 1, 1854.

To the honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

By direction of the Board of Water Works, I enclose herewith a copy of a resolution passed by the board, on which the action of the Common Council is respectfully solicited.

E. A. BURNES, President of the Board.

At a meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of the city of Detroit, held June 30th, 1854, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Persons in various parts of the city are in the habit of using water from fire hydrants and reservoirs for building and other purposes, without permission or payment therefor—seriously damaging the hydrants, and sometimes destroying and leaving the covers of the reservoirs, to the imminent danger of the lives of citizens; therefore

Resolved, That the Common Council be requested to enact an ordinance prohibiting, under severe penalty, any person except the proper officers from opening or in any manner disturbing any fire hydrant or reservoir, except in case of fire. Also, requiring all municipal officers and engineers, to report all infractions of the ordinance, or damage done to any hydrant or reservoir, and that it shall be the duty of the City Marshal to cause all persons offending to be prosecuted.

Attest, ROBERT E. ROBERTS,
Sec'y. Board Water Com.

Referred to the City Attorney.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

Gilbert Melash, distributing lime, \$2.25; Water Commis-

tioners, grading in front of Railroad Hotel, ac., \$365.40; W. Knowles, lumber, and labor, \$34.78; do. for putting down drains and pools, \$25; E. Sheppard, repairing street lamps, \$25; Wm. Jones, burying 208 dogs, \$52; Pay Roll, for cleaning paved streets, \$89.81; John Webster, torches and lamps for engine companies 4 & 5, \$10.25; do., stove and pipe, &c. for hook and ladder Co., and bolts and torches for engine companies 3, and 7, \$36.47; Samuel French, repairing and paving street, \$37.98; do., do., \$37.37; Hughes and Monroe, making and extending tax rolls for 1854, \$200; J. Andrews, services as night watchman 30 days, \$45, ringing alarm bell July 14th, \$2; Wm. Burnell, lim., \$75; M. Henderson timber furnished Street Commissioner, \$64.02; F. W. Hughes, field note books, \$28.50; M. Henderson, cleaning paved streets, \$7.54, and \$10.15. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Also, account of A. D. Fraser, for professional services in 1852, \$45. Referred to Recorder and Attorney.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit.

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of the tavern keepers of the city of Detroit, praying for the enactment of an ordinance for licensing porters and runners of public houses; and also, for the amendment of city ordinance relative to the arrival and departure of boats and railroad cars, begs leave to report that he has had the same under consideration, and would respectfully ask of your honorable body, that the prayers of said petitioners be granted, and that the City Attorney be instructed to report an ordinance accordingly. CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

Detroit, July 18, 1854.

Adopted. From the City Attorney, that to enforce ordinance to prevent certain animals running at large, it will be necessary to appoint a pound keeper and designate a pound.

Accepted. From the City Attorney, an ordinance to amend chapter 33 of R. O. of 1848. Read once and laid on the table.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I herewith submit to your honorable body, Assessment Rolls for paving Griswold street, from the south curb of Jefferson Avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge, and from the south curb of Woodbridge street to the north curb of Atwater street; for paving Beaubien street from the south curb of Woodbridge street to the north curb of Atwater street; and for paving alley south of Woodbridge street between Brush and Beaubien streets.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

DETROIT, July 18, 1854.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned to whom was referred the assessments of the City Surveyor for planking Third street, would respectfully report the same as correct, and recommend that said street be planked accordingly.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned would respectfully report back to your honorable body, the petition of I H Jones and others, asking that the resolution ordering a side walk on the east side of Fifth street, from Congress to Michigan Avenue, be rescinded or postponed, as the petition presents all the facts in the case, and asks to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred sundry petitions for constructing side and cross walks, begs leave to report as follows, in favor of side walk in front of lot 75, section 8, on Griswold street, on the north side of State street from Griswold street to Woodward Avenue on the south side of Jones, from Second to Third street; six foot walk on the north side of Mullet from Hastings to Orleans street.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of A. Chaffee and others for the construction of a side walk on the west side of Farrar street, from Monroe Avenue to Bates street, with crossings across the intervening alley six feet wide, would respectfully report in favor of the same. Also from the same petitioner for a side walk on Monroe Avenue, from Farmer to Farrar street, would respectfully report that there is at present a six foot walk in good repair, and thinks any further action unnecessary in the premises.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

On motion of Ald. Hull, that portion respecting Monroe Avenue was laid upon the table and balance of report adopted.

From the committee on Ways and Means, the bond of Charles Peltier, City Auditor, with the following sureties: Theo. H. Eaton, Sylvester Larned, J. A. Van Dyke, J. B. Campau, as approved by them. Approved, confirmed, and ordered filed.

From the committee on streets to whom was referred the petition of H. R. Andrews and others for laying side walk with curb stones across Campus Martius, recommending that the crossings be laid in the same manner as heretofore adopted by the Council. Adopted.

From committee on streets to whom was referred petition of N. P. Jacobs and others, for the paving of Fort street, that owing to the large amount of paving already under contract, and that a meeting of the freemen would be necessary to vote an appropriation, the paving ought to be deferred for the present. Accepted.

From the committee on streets recommending that the prayer of the petition of J. E. Morton and others asking that side walk ordered on Fifth street in vicinity of Elton

Park, be laid according to Crane & Wessons recorded plan of said Park, be granted. Adopted.

From the committee on Health, that owing to the additional duties devolving upon the Director of the Poor and the City Physician, their salaries be raised to \$500 per annum. Adopted.

From the committee on Sewers in favor of allowing J. S. & H. H. Wright damages to the amount of \$1634.59, for losses sustained by them on goods in their cellar, occasioned by the same being flooded by the City entering their drain to draw the surface water flowing from Monroe Avenue upon the Campus Martius. Referred to City Attorney and Recorder.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Wilcox:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner notify the owners or occupants of the property on the east side of Woodward Avenue, from Woodbridge street to Atwater street, to cause the side walks to be taken up and re-laid with hard burned bricks or stone, according to the grade. Adopted.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the drains at the foot of Hastings street to be repaired forthwith. Adopted.

Resolved, That the Mayor request the Board of Water Commissioners to open the hydrants on the line of the sewers, to be opened for one or two hours in each day, and let the water wash the same. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put down one or more culverts across Atwater street near the City Water Works, under the direction of the Committee on Streets. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy:

Resolved, That the Committee on Health be requested to examine the late interments made in New Cemetery, so called, on the Goin farm, for the purpose of ascertaining if interments have not been so made as to endanger the health of citizens living in the vicinity of said Cemetery, and report to this Council at its next session.

By Ald. Hull:

Whereas, The city has at considerable expense caused the Campus Martius to be paved and graded on the east side of Woodward Avenue to Monroe Avenue, therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be and are hereby instructed to cause all the obstructions on the said Campus Martius to be removed, and the work done in accordance with the ordinance. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Ald. Hull:

Whereas, There is an intolerable nuisance existing throughout the city, occasioned by persons throwing offal and decayed vegetables into the streets, alleys, and river, therefore,

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to offer a reward of ten dollars for the arrest and conviction of any person violating any of the ordinances of the city, made for the prevention of nuisances, provided the complaint is made in the Mayor's Court by others than the officers of this city.

Pending the consideration of the above resolution, there being no quorum present, the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKER, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, July 25, 1854.

The Council was called to order by his honor the Mayor, O. M. HYDE.

Present—The Recorder, and Aldermen Craig, Finehart Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of James E. Kimball and others, for side walk on both sides of Lewis street, between 2d and 3d streets.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Richard Teal and others, asking for removal of incumbrances in alley between Rosalie and St. Lawrence streets.

Referred to Marshal.

Of George Sanders, relative to nuisances existing on lots, and obstructions placed in streets, &c.

Referred to City Marshal and Street Commissioner.

Of John King, Street Commissioner, asking Board of Health to notify him of nuisances existing in public streets.

Of E. N. Rice and others, that Chas. L. Walker be appointed School Inspector for 1st ward, to fill vacancy occasioned by decease of Samuel Baretow. Granted.

Of John M. Davis, Supt. of sewers, that some measure may be taken for the speedy completion of Russel street sewer; no work having been performed upon the same for twenty days.

Of John King, Street Commissioner, that no expenditures should be made in the several wards, by the Deputy Marshal that should be chargeable to the ward road funds.

Granted.

Ald. Fischer offered the following, which was adopted: **Resolved,** That the Street Commissioner notify the contractor of Russel street sewer to finish the same forthwith.

Of John M. Cantliff and others, for side walk on north side of Orchard street, between Second and Third streets; and relative to a ditch in same vicinity.

Side walks referred to Street Commissioner, and ditch to Marshal.

Of L. G. Robinson, M. D., and others, asking action of Council relative to Morocco Factory on State street.

Referred to Board of Health.

Of John Deville and 8 others, for appointment of Peter Lung as constable of 4th ward. Laid on table.

Of Pierre Teller, relative to a drain alley between Beaubien and Brush streets, south of Woodbridge street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of D. J. Campau, that certain assessments be taken from roll. Referred to City Attorney and Recorder.

COMMUNICATIONS.

OFFICE OF WATER WORKS, }
July 25, 1854. }

To the Hon. the Common Council:

By direction of the Board of Water Commissioners, I enclose herewith a copy of a resolution passed by the Board, at a meeting held this day, for the information of the Council.

Very respectfully,

E. A. BRUSH, Pres't of the Board.
OFFICE OF WATER WORKS, }
Detroit, July 25, 1854. }

At a special meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Detroit, held this morning, the President presented the following which was adopted:

It being in the knowledge of this Board, that one-sixth of the population of this city live beyond the limits of the present extension of the water pipes, all of whom, from necessity, use the water of wells, mostly supplied by surface drainage, and that in the hot months of the year, most of the wells dry up, or the water in them becomes stagnant, and that in the opinion of the Board of Health, the present sickness prevails most in localities dependent on drainage water.

It is ordered that the Superintendent and Engineer cause hydrants forthwith to be temporarily placed in the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th wards of the city, at the extremity of the distributing pipes, and such other points as the Secretary, under the authority of the President, may designate, and that notice be given by handbills in German and English, that water will be supplied at such localities to all who apply, and free of charge to such as represent themselves unable to pay it.

This supply of water will continue only so long as the present necessity for it exists.

Resolved, That the President send a copy of these proceedings to the Common Council.

Attest, ROBT. E. ROBERTS, Secretary.

Accepted.

From Charles Johnson, Norwich, Ct., relative to bonds of city. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Letter from Ordnance Office, Washington, relative to sale of powder magazine. Accepted.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

J. M. Davis, Superintendent of sewers from June 14th to July 25th, \$103; John Ulrich, cleaning City Hall, walks, &c., \$18.25; Wm. McCoy, burying 78 dogs and cats, removing cow, &c., \$10.80; Eli Laderoot, paid drymen, &c., removing nuisance from soap and candle factory on Woodbridge street, \$8.00; P. Keavy, assistant Marshal, lime labor and salary, 8th ward, \$80.00; Wm. Gilbert, 41 bbls lime distributed in 3d ward, \$30.37; Bagg, Patton & McDonald Stationary, \$25.19; Hospital, care of sick poor in June, \$63.45; M. P. Hutchins, two hay scales, 1853 and 1854, \$450.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the Auditor, accounts of Gas Company, asking action of Council. Referred to Committee on Gas lights.

From the Recorder and City Attorney, on petition of J. S. & H. H. Wright, recommending that report of committee on sewers of last meeting of Council be adopted.

The report of Committee on Sewers was amended by adding Ald. Craig as a committee of one, to act with the Auditor in disposing of the damaged goods, and the reports were then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Finchart, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Wilcox, and the Mayor—9.

Nays—Ald. Fischer—1.

From the City Surveyor, an assessment roll for filling up and abating a nuisance existing on lot No. 62, Lambert, Beaubien Farm, on the north side of Jefferson avenue.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resolution of Ald. Hull, in relation to obstructions on the north line of Campus Martius, report that they have caused a survey to be made by the City Surveyor, and they find that the only obstruction is the portico in front of the Rail Road Hotel, (the building being exactly on the line of Campus Martius.) The Committee would also state that Mr. Andrews, the owner, has informed the Committee that he is ready at any time when required, to remove the floor under the portico, and build a sidewalk from the curb stone up to his building, allowing the columns to stand on blocks. Your Committee are of opinion that there were many other obstructions allowed to remain on many of the streets, of a more serious character, and the Committee are of the opinion, that the public convenience does not require the removal of the portico, and they deem any further action of the Council unnecessary.

W. W. WILCOX.

H. H. LEROY.

Ald. Fischer moved to strike out all after the word "Blocks. Lost. Yeas Fischer, Hull and Martin—3.

Nays 8.

The report was then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Craig, Finchart, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Wilcox, and the Mayor—9.

Nays—Ald. Hull and Martin—2.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Contractors of the several sewers now being constructed, and to be constructed during the present season, be, and they are hereby directed, not to excavate for such sewers, more than a distance equal in length to one block, at any one time, without the written consent of Superintendent of Sewers. Adopted.

By Ald. Fischer—

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be, and he is hereby instructed, to make an assessment for filling up Lot No. 10, North side of Atwater street, between Rivard and Riopelle streets, Guoin Farm, in conformity with said street, and that the assistant Marshal of the 7th ward cause the same to be filled up forthwith.

Resolved, That this Council hereafter meet at 7 o'clock precisely, in lieu of seven as at present.

Adopted.

By the Committee on Streets,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed, to abate the nuisances on the following lots, and that the City Surveyor make an estimate of the expense thereof, viz: Lots 6, 7, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, and 25. Sibley's subdivision of park lots, lot 1, south of Franklin street, Antoine, Beaubien Farm, lots 2 and 3 north of Atwater street, Antoine, Beaubien Farm; lots 9, 10 and 11, north of Atwater street, Guoin Farm; lots 8 and 9, north of Atwater street, Dequindry Farm. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause a brick sewer to be built in the alley from Farrar street to Farmer street, 18 inches in diameter, and the City Surveyor make an assessment for the same according to the Ordinance.

Adopted.

By Ald. Hull,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and is hereby instructed to run the line of the alley lying between State street and Campus Martius, and Woodward and Monroe avenues; and to report to this council all obstructions existing in said alley. Adopted.

By Ald. Ingersoll,

Resolved, That Dr. Gordon's over assessed tax list be referred to the Auditor and City Attorney. Adopted.

By Ald. Lyon,

Resolved, That this Council have received with pleasure the communication from the Commissioners of the Water Works, read at our present session, with the accompanying resolutions adopted by said Commissioners, relative to supplying certain portions of the city with water from public hydrants without charge to persons unable to pay for the same; and that the thanks of the Council be, and they are hereby presented to said Commissioners for their prompt, humane and commendable action in the premises.

Adopted.

By P. Fischer,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the side walk on the north side of Jefferson avenue, in the upper part of the city, which has been ordered by the Council, to be put down forthwith. Adopted.

By the Recorder,

Resolved, That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby directed to prepare and report to this Council, an ordinance requiring reports from physicians and others of deaths occurring in the city, at any and all times, together with the particulars relative to age, disease, place of nativity, &c., of the persons deceased. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to cause the paving on the north side of Woodward street, between Griswold street and Campus Martius, to be forthwith repaired. Adopted.

By Ald. Finchart,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor, and Marshal be, and are hereby directed to estimate the cost of repairing private sewer in Hastings street, between the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad and Detroit river, and assess the amount, proportionately, to the persons draining into said sewer. And also, That the City Marshal be directed to notify the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company, to place two iron baskets in their sewer leading into Hastings street private sewer forthwith, and if not complied with, within three days, to prosecute said Railroad Company in the Mayor's Court. Adopted.

Whereas, It appears by affidavit on file, that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property on Woodward avenue, at the crossing of Woodbridge street, and at the crossing of Atwater street, to the centre of the block on each side of said crossings, or to any other person or persons interested, that the Common Council would, on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1854, meet and review the reports of the assessment rolls, filed by the City Clerk on the 1st day of July, 1854, to defray the expenses of cast iron plates for gutters at crossings; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment, or confirmation thereof; therefore

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and the names of persons contained therein are received as correct; that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones, which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same, according to law. Adopted.

The Council, by resolution adjourned, and organized as a

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Ald. Lansing offered the following resolution, which was Adopted:

Resolved, That, in view of the existing prevalence of disease in this city, the Clerks of the different markets be, and hereby are, directed to prohibit entirely, the sale in the markets of any Cabbage, Cucumbers, Lettuce, Green Corn, Green Fruits, Fresh Pork, Veal and Fish, until the further order of this Board, and also to see that the provisions of sections 9 and 18 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Ordinances relative to the sale of vegetables in the public market are rigidly and thoroughly enforced. Also, that the City Marshal be, and is hereby directed to prohibit the sale of the aforementioned Fruits and Vegetables in any part of the City except from gardens until the further order of this Board, and to cause prosecutions to be commenced under the provisions of chapter 35 of Revised Statutes of 1845, against all persons found selling any such articles in this city.

The petition of Dr. Robinson and others, was called up and referred to special Committee of Board of Health. Board of Health adjourned, and Council was again called to order.

The Marshal, on leave, made a statement in regard to extra duties devolving upon him the present season.

Ald. Lyon moved that two assistant Marshals be nominated by the Marshal, for confirmation by the Council.

Pending, the consideration of the motion there being no quorum present, the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY City Clerk.

Board of Health.

Saturday July 29, 1854.

The Board was called to order by the Mayor

Present—Ald. Collins, Craig, Duncan, Finchart, Leroy Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and Wilcox.

The Mayor stated the object of the meeting, viz: To take action in regard to a nuisance existing at the corner of Bates and Woodbridge streets.

Ald. Craig offered the following:

Resolution adopted by the Board of Health for the City of Detroit:

Resolved, That, in view of the existing prevalence of disease in this city, the Clerks of the different markets be, and hereby are, directed to prohibit entirely, the sale in the Markets of any Cabbage, Cucumbers, Lettuce, Green Corn, Green Fruits, Fresh Pork Veal and Fish, until the further order of this Board, and also to see that the provisions of sections 9 and 18 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Ordinances relative to the sale of vegetables in the public market are rigidly and thoroughly enforced. Also, that the City Marshal be, and is hereby directed to prohibit the sale of the aforementioned Fruits and Vegetables in any part of the City except from gardens until the further order of this Board, and to cause prosecutions to be commenced under the provisions of chapter 35 of Revised Statutes of 1845, against all persons found selling any such articles in this city.

Resolved, That these regulations, together with the resolution of the Board of Health of last Tuesday, be published in the city papers, and also in handbills, and be posted by the Marshal in all of the streets leading into the city and about the Market.

Adopted by yeas and nays as follows: Yeas—Aldermen Collins, Craig, Duncan, Finchart, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox, and His Honor the Mayor—11. Nays—Alderman Hull—1.

By Alderman Craig—

Resolved, That the premises on lots 57 and 70, section 4, G and F plan, corner of Bates street and Woodbridge street, are nuisances, dangerous and prejudicial to the public health, and should be abated as such forthwith.

By leave of the Board, Dr. Wm. Brodie made a statement in regard to the premises mentioned in the above resolution, and expressed the opinion that the nuisance could not be abated except by tearing down and removing the buildings.

By Alderman Craig—

Resolved, That the Marshal notify owners of property on the corners of Woodbridge and Bates streets, lots 57 and 70, to abate all nuisances on said lots forthwith, and in case said owners neglect or refuse to abate the nuisances within 48 hours, that the Marshal is hereby instructed to proceed at once to abate the same by safely removing the occupants from the premises, then to cause the premises to be properly cleaned and purified.

The Board then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

Pay Paving Assessments, AND SAVE THE PER CENTAGE!

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, }

Detroit, July 27, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE assessment rolls for defraying the expense of cast iron plates for the gutters of Woodward avenue, at the crossings of Woodbridge and Atwater streets, have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom those interested may make payment until the 17th day of August, when they will be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and five per cent. for collection added.

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RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

DETROIT, August 1, 1854.

Council was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, O. M. Hyde.

Present—The Re-order, and Aldermen Craig, Duncan, Finchard, Fisher, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Eli Laderoot, City Marshal, that the Council will procure a suitable place to deposit nuisances and dirt removed from the city. Referred to special Committee, consisting of Aldermen Craig, Lyon, and Lansing.

Of Wm. Dyson, and others, relative to a sewer on Beaubien street, from the Gratiot Road up.

Alderman Ingersoll offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the City Auditor notify successors of the late Jeremiah Moore, that they must, without delay, come forward, and sign a contract for the above work, or he will close a contract with the next lowest bidder.

Of William Andrews, relative to over assessment for taxes. Referred to Committee on Taxes.

Of J. W. Moors, and others, that the order for removing ashes in the alley between Prospect and Hastings street be rescinded. Granted.

Of D. G. Lett, and others, for an ordinance closing barber shops on the Sabbath. Laid on the table.

Two petitions relative to soap and candle factories. Referred to the Board of Health.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

Edward Beaubien, assisting City Surveyor, July 1st to August 1st, \$25.00; P. Keavy, labor and lime abating nuisances, \$73.50; Wm. Burnell, four barrels of lime, \$3.00; Wm. Winget, repairing a lock for the Treasurer, 75 cents; F. Hurst, luncheon and labor abating nuisances, \$76.52; do, for abating nuisances on lots, \$19.18; do, for abating nuisance on lot 13, military reserve, \$31.66; do, for abating nuisances on lots 10, 11, 12, and 13, north side of Howard street, \$65.39; Edward White, and others, cleaning paved streets, \$66.50; Thos. H. Kinkead, labor and materials, building culvert across Franklin street, \$9.62; Dennis Duggan, repairing bridge, \$1.25; George Fowler, 3½ days labor, \$7.50; Wm. Knowles, grading side walks, \$2.00; John King, labor and material, repairing streets and walks, \$71.75; R. Starkey, salary to August 3d, \$50.00; J. Knox Gavin, salary to July 31, \$25.00; W. Knowles, drains and pools, \$40.00; M. M. Gisler, repairs, &c., for Engine Company No. 6, \$32.00; Bloom & Whitcomb, rope for Engine Company No. 6, \$7.68; F. McDonald, brooms and lime for City Hall market, \$9.14; Free Press, printing and advertising, \$334.00; Pat. Connelly, Assistant Marshal, \$18.00; Eli Laderoot, salary to July 15, \$50.00; Joseph Granger, materials and labor, lowering and pools, \$7.00; E. Laderoot, expended for removing dead horse, \$3.00; do, for placing sign boards in parks, \$3.12; F. Lesperance, 27 barrels lime, and distributing it, \$22.62. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From Committee on Streets, the following accounts allowed by them for labor on streets: First ward, \$184.66; second ward, \$87.75; fourth ward, \$174.87; seventh ward, \$191.35; eighth ward, \$203.56.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I report in favor of granting prayer of petitioners for side walks on both sides of Lewis, between Second and Third streets.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Richard H. Hall, and others, for side walks on Henry street, would report that assessments have already been made for the same, and that the walk will be built as soon as possible. Also, that a side walk be built on the north side of Orchard street, as soon as possible.

Adopted. JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I hereby report as made, an assessment roll for paving the alley between Woodward Avenue and Bates street, and Woodbridge and Atwater streets.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. CAMPAC, City Surveyor.

Accepted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I herewith submit to your Honorable body assessment rolls for filling up and abating nuisances on the following lots, to wit: Lot No. 1, south side of Franklin street, Antoine; Beaubien firm; lots 5, 6, and 7, Chas. Moran firm, on the north side of Atwater street; lot No. 2 on the north side of Atwater street, Louis Moran firm; lots 9 and 10 north side of Atwater street, Gonin firm; lots 8 and 9, block 4, Dequindre firm; lots 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 32, 33 and 34, Shirley's subdivision of Park lots, and lots 43, 44, 45, and 46, Duffield's subdivision of park lots.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
Detroit, Aug. 1, 1854. THOS. CAMPAC, City Surveyor.

Accepted and confirmed.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

In obedience to instructions by one of the Aldermen of the third ward, I herewith report to your Honorable body an assessment for filling up and abating a nuisance existing

on lot No. 62, Lambert Beaubien farm, on the north side of Jefferson Avenue. Respectfully submitted,
Detroit, July 25, 1884. THOS. CAMPBELL, City Surveyor.

Accepted and confirmed.

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the letter of Charles Johnson to the City Treasurer, relative to Detroit City Bond No. 1, for \$1,000 held by him due 1st June, 1886, with interest, payable thereon at six per cent., and wishing to know upon what terms an exchange could be effected with the city for their seven per cent. bonds, report that inasmuch as no new bonds have been recently issued by the city, and none contemplated to be, and the six per cent. bond held by Mr. Johnson having but a short time to run, the Committee are of opinion, that no advantage would result to the city by the proposed exchange, and would recommend that no further action be taken in the matter.

F. A. LANSING, Committee on Ways and Means.

Accepted.

The Committee on Health report that, in accordance with the resolution of Aldermen Ferry, adopted 18th July, relative to interments in the City Cemetery, on the "Gouin Farm," they visited said Cemetery, and found on examination that a number of interments have been made therein, at a depth varying from two to three feet below the surface, which, in the opinion of the committee, is highly detrimental to the health of the neighborhood. The person in charge of the cemetery stated that this has been caused by the frequency of interments, and under circumstances which prevented the graves being dug the proper depth at the time.

The more recent interments seem to have been made at about the proper depth.

JOHN HULL,
E. A. LANSING,
P. FISCHER,

Committee on Health.

Accepted.
From the Committee on Fire Department, reporting in favor of granting petition of I. C. Smith to raise his kitchen two feet. Adopted.

From Committee on Ways and Means, reporting to the Council, as approved by them, the bond of John B. Stadler, Constable of Third Ward, with John H. Harmon and C. V. Selkirk as sureties. Accepted.

By Ald. Martin.

Resolved, That the sewer to be constructed in the Eighth Ward be, and is hereby, ordered to be constructed on a line and in accordance with the report of Committee on Sewers, adopted April 11th, 1884, and that the Superintendent of Sewers notify the contractor, Mr. Quinlan, of the same. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

By Ald. Patton.

Resolved, That the nomination of Patrick McGinnis as John Reiller as Assistant Marshal, be confirmed, and that they receive two dollars per diem each for their services until the further pleasure of the Council. Adopted.

By Ald. Patton.

Resolved, That the City Auditor be and is hereby empowered to contract for one thousand feet of engine hose, to be made as soon as possible.

By Ald. Lyon.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to inquire where proper grounds can be procured, and the expense of building or procuring a city pound. Adopted.

The Mayor appointed as such committee Ald. Lyon, Wilcox and Fischer.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKLEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
DETROIT, AUG. 30TH 1884.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:

To Elvin Power, Alexander H. Newbold, Levi Bishop, Elijah Taylor, Mary A. Wilcox, Eben N. Wilcox, John P. Campau, (Ant. Beaubien agent), First Congressional Church Society, E. P. Hastings, Fursten P. Hastings, Joseph Campau, Sarah Drury, William Bunnell, James Wheeler, John Biddle, J. Bour, Wm Tate, Luther Beecher, Madison Cook, and to the owners and occupants of property on the alley south of Jefferson avenue, between Brush street and Beaubien street, and on Brush street from the south end of Jefferson avenue to the north end of Woodhouse street, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving, and setting the curb stones and cross-ings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that the corrected assessment will have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 12th day of September, A. D. 1884, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

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RICHARD STARKLEY, City Clerk.

Pay Taxes & Save Per Centage.

THE TAX ROLLS FOR CITY SEWER, HIGHWAY and School Taxes of — are now in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom payment may be made until the fifteenth day of August next, after which they will be placed in the hands of the Ward Collectors, and a per centage for collection added.

By order of the Common Council.

JOHN CAMPBELL, City Treasurer.

COMMON COUNCIL.

August 8, 1884.

Council met, and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, O. M. Hyde.

Present—The Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Fincham, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Dr. McKenzie to enter a sewer from his premises, lot 18, Park street.

Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of John Hull to connect a sewer from lot 46, sec. 7, with the private sewer across Campus Martius to Woodward Avenue sewer, and that Committee on sewers make an agreement for the same.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of Janvier Gaenier, Geo. T. Cline, and Mr. J. B. Vallee, asking correction of assessment rolls.

Referred to Recorder and Attorney.

Of Geo. French to be appointed deputy porter, &c.

Referred to Committee on Health.

Of Robt. Dermont to committee to examine relative to merchandise destroyed by incapacity of sewer in his cellar, and asking payment of damages.

Referred to Committee on Sewers, Attorney and Recorder.

Of John Farmer for refunding of paying tax erroneously assessed. Granted.

Of Chas. Peltier for leave of absence for a few days, on account of illness in his family. Granted.

Communication from E. P. Demill, Secretary of Detroit Gas Light Company, relative to payment for gas used by the city. Referred to Committee on Gas Lights.

From the Town Council of Amherstburg, asking for a copy of City Ordinances, &c. Mayor instructed to forward same.

REPORTS.

From the City Attorney, "an ordinance for the license of porters and runners," an ordinance to amend chapter 49 of the revised ordinances of 1848, relative to the arrival of boats and cars." Read once, and laid on the table.

From the City Auditor the following accounts audited by him:

Wm. Bunnell 10 bbls lime for 4th ward \$8.75; Estate of John Warren, 23 days salary of Assistant Marshal, 3d ward, \$34.50; D. K. O'dall repairing cross walks \$9.55; W. Knowles building 2 bldgs across gutters and materials \$4.50; ditto lumber and labor in putting down gravel and drain \$18.50; J. M. Valentine burying 15 cats and dogs \$3; P. McGinnis expended for burying dogs and removing nuisances \$3.25; Ingersoll & Dyson lumber and labor for repairing engine houses No. 2, 4 and 6, Hook and Ladder Company, \$93.37; Young & Co. for gratis \$20.25; Thos Conidan 15 days labor distributing lime \$15; Sam'l French grading streets \$33.01; D. E. Rice repairs on fire engines and fire engine houses \$23.75; Lyman Baldwin repairing hose from August 2, 1883, to August 2, 1884, \$117.18; Sam'l French repairing paved streets \$35.13; M. Donald & Boyd repairing waterworks for Engine Company No. 7, \$6; Wm. Bunnell 60 bbls lime \$52.50; Henry McCall burying 5 dogs and abating nuisances \$1.13; G. M. Lane salary as Assistant Surveyor August 8th \$45; Wm. Gilbert 47 bbls lime \$41.12; Wm. McCoy burying 35 dead dogs and cats \$3.50; Edward White and others cleaning new streets \$56.75; Francis McDonald putting up benches in the vegetable market \$38.15; Thos. Hurst, Assistant Marshal for the 1st ward, labor &c. in streets \$20.75; County Register \$6.87; G. Rollo 15 1/2 days labor with team distributing lime \$38.75; Wm. Gilbert 15 bbls lime \$13.13; C. S. Howard 100 bbls lime \$82.50; Wm. county jail, board for prisoners to July 18th \$50.89; Sam'l French repairing paved streets \$34.90.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned would most respectfully report that they have discharged the duty assigned them by your Honor the body on the 25th day of July last, authorizing us to dispose of the damaged sugars of J. S. & H. H. Wright. The sugars were disposed of at public sale, and there was realized therefrom, after deducting expenses of sale, nine hundred and sixty-nine dollars and thirty-seven cents. Notes payable at 60 days from July 25th, 1884, for \$623.60; cash \$340.77, and which has been paid over to the Messrs. Wright, and their receipt taken for the same, leaving an actual loss to the city (and due them) of \$608.22. Accompanying this report will be found the account of sales and receipts for amount paid. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. CRAIG, Commissioner.

Accepted. CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned respectfully beg leave to report the expenditures made on the streets and alleys throughout the city under his supervision since the date of his last report, June 6th, 1884:

Expended in the 1st ward	\$247.35
" " 2nd ward	186.99
" " 3d ward	46.75
" " 4th ward since May 20th	170.24
" " 5th ward	133.02
" " 6th ward	67.36
" " 7th ward	11.00
" " 8th ward	11.00
" " distribution of lime and purchase thereof	226.18
	\$1,097.84

For labor cleaning paved streets..... 449.75

August 8th, 1884.

JOHN KING, Street Com.

To the Hon. the Common Council.

The undersigned hereby presents the following assessment tolls made according to the ordinances:

Side walk on the east side of Farmer street from John R. street to Grand River street;
Side walk on the south side of Macomb street from Russell to Reopelle street;
Side walk on the west side of Third street from Porter to Michigan Avenue;
Side walk on the north side of Orchard street from Second to Third street;
Side walk on the north side of Sibley street from Woodward Avenue to Park street;
Side walk on the south side of Adams Avenue from Brush street to Beaubien street;
Side walk on the north side of Maple street in front of lots 166, 167, and 168 on Rivard farm;
Side walk on the south side of John R. street from Miami Avenue to Madison Avenue;
Side walk on the north side of Farmer street from Monroe Avenue to State street;
Side walk on the north side of Mullet street from Rivard to Russell street;
Side walk on the north side of Mullet street from Hastings to Rivard street;
Side walk on the south side of Abbott street from Fifth to Seventh street;
Side walk on the north side of Abbott street from Fifth to Sixth street;
Side walk on the north side of Mullett street from Reopelle to Orleans street;
Side walk on the south side of Abbott street from Sixth to Seventh street;
Side walk on the north side of Jones street from Third to Fifth street;
Side walk on the west side of Randolph street from Jefferson avenue to an alley on the north side of Jefferson avenue;
Side walk on the west side of Second street from Fort street to Jefferson avenue.

Cross walks:

Across Park street on the south side of Montcalm street;
Across Seventh street on the south side of Abbott street;
Across Beech street on the west side of Sixth street;
Across Miami avenue on the south east side of John R. street;
Across Seventh street south of Grand River road;
Across Woodbridge street west of Fifth street;
Across Woodbridge street east of Fifth street.

August 7th, 1884.

Accepted.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit.

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of J. C. Gorton, praying your Honorable body to remit certain taxes erroneously assessed to Mr. Gorton for the year A. D. 1884, by the assessors of the city of Detroit, would most respectfully report to your Honorable body that it is not competent for your Honorable body to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Att'y.

CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

Accepted.

From the Recorder and Attorney on petition of D. J. Campau for correction of assessment rolls, that the Council has no power in the matter. Accepted.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

I herewith transmit to your Honorable body assessment rolls for paving as follows: Assessment roll for paving Woodbridge street, from the centre of St. Antoine street to the centre of Rivard street.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Per GEO. M. LAW, Ass'tant.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the City Marshal, in relation to place of deposit for offal and filth of scavengers, would represent that they have made an agreement with Samuel Howlett, on the Holden road, so called, to remove all deposits from scavengers of the city on his farm without cost to the city, and further, that we have called upon the City Attorney to execute contract with the same to the above effect, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Accepted and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution in relation to the 8th ward sewer, report against changing the present course of the sewer, in as much as a part of the excavation is already done on Jones street, east of Fifth street. But your committee would recommend that a sewer two feet in diameter be constructed on Fifth street, to commence on the South side of Michigan avenue and to connect with the Jones street sewer, to be paid for out of the sewer fund.

I. W. INGERSOLL,
ISAAC FINEHART,
STEPHEN MARTIN.

On motion of Alderman Barclay, referred back to same committee to report the expense of constructing proposed sewer. Yeas—7, nays—6.

From the Committee on sewers, to whom was referred the petition of Pierre Teller, recommending that a new brick sewer be ordered in the alley between Beaubien and

Brush streets, south of Woodbridge street, eighteen inches in diameter, and the City Surveyor make an assessment for the same in accordance with the City Ordinance relative to private drains.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Ingersoll.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to have the ordinance relative to the numbering of the houses in the different streets published in all of the daily papers for one week. Adopted.

By Alderman Ingersoll.

Resolved, That the resolution authorizing the Aldermen of each ward to appoint ward Marshals be hereby rescinded. Adopted.

By Alderman Ingersoll.

Resolved, That the City Attorney be requested to bring in an ordinance to amend an ordinance regulating the amount allowed scavengers for cleaning privies, leaving the price blank. Adopted.

By Alderman Collins.

Resolved, That the amount paid for making drain on the foot of Third street, \$217, be refunded to the road district No. 1, and the same be charged to the General Sewer Fund.

On motion of Alderman Barclay, referred to Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman Collins.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to notify the owners or occupiers of lots on the east side of Second street, from Michigan avenue to Front street, who have not already complied with a former resolution of this Council, to build their side walks, and in case of their non-compliance, after due notice, that he proceed to build such sidewalks forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Wilcox.

Resolved, That the City Attorney execute a lease with J. Waagene, for the use of his lot on the corner of Griswold and Clifford streets, at the rate of six dollars per month, for the purpose of a City Pound. And be it further *Resolved*, That D. L. Shaw is hereby appointed Pound Master. Adopted.

By Alderman Wilcox.

Resolved, That the City Auditor draw his warrant on the City Treasurer for the sum of thirty dollars, in favor of Benj. Morris, for services as Assistant Marshal in placing wood-venders, buying dogs, &c. Adopted.

By Alderman Leroy.

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to cause two hundred copies of the contract between the City of Detroit and the Detroit City Gas Company to be printed with marginal references. Adopted.

By Alderman Wilcox.

Whereas, It appears by affidavits on file, that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property on Third street, from the centre of Congress street to the centre of Michigan avenue, that the Common Council would, on the eighth day of August, A. D. 1884, meet and review the reports or assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 11th day of July, A. D. 1884, to defray the expense of planking said street opposite or adjacent to said premises; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment or the confirmation thereof; therefore,

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed; that the description of the premises and the names of persons contained therein, are received as correct; that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be a correct one, which each individual or set of individuals should and may, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same according to law. Adopted.

By Alderman Wilcox.

Whereas, It appears by affidavits on file, that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property on Randolph street, from the south curb of Atwater street to the river; on Brush street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; on Brush street, from the south curb of Woodbridge street to the north side of Atwater street; on Beaubien street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; on Woodbridge street, from the centre of Brush street to the centre of Beaubien street; on Woodbridge street from the centre of Beaubien street to the centre of St. Antoine street; on Atwater street, from the centre of Orleans street to the centre of Beaubien street; on alley between Bates and Randolph streets, and Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street; and on alley between Brush and Beaubien streets and Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street; and on alley between Brush and Beaubien streets and Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street; and on Griswold street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street, and from the south curb of Woodbridge street to the north curb of Atwater street; and on Beaubien street from the south curb of Woodbridge street to the north curb of Atwater street; and on alley south of Woodbridge street, between Brush and Beaubien streets, and to all other persons interested, that the Common Council would, on the eighth day of August, A. D. 1884, meet and review the reports or assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 11th and on the 18th days of July, A. D. 1884, to defray the expense of grading, paving, and cutting the curb-stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to said premises; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common

Council to object to said assessment or the confirmation thereof; therefore,

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and the names of persons contained therein are received as correct; that the sum which the assessment rolls state to be the correct ones which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same according to law. Adopted.

By Alderman Hull,
Resolved, That the resolution or regulation prohibiting the sale of vegetables be and is hereby repealed.

Laid on the table one week.

The Council then adjourned for two weeks.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

Detroit, August 12, 1884.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:

To Charles Beaubien, James F. Y., William K. Sley, Martin Daly, Mary A. Fay, John Lovett, Joseph Bonham, Michael Bray, Solomon Gardner, John B. Franck, Christopher Conner, Douglas Houghton (estate of), William Otis, Getleit Cel, George Klein, John Luckner, John Erwin, James Christy, Thomas Kennan, Andrew Melhu, James Powers, Bernad Hopkins, Mrs. Leddy, Cornelius Capulin, Patrick Cormuche, Dennis Duggan, (unknown), Patrick Clary, James Lark, Timothy Line, Jacob Hoch, David Cooper, Samuel Streeter, Joseph France, Charles Noyer, William Dunbar, G. A. Wolf, Francis Orman, Adam Schweitzer, Mary Doll, Joseph Waltz, Joseph Ware, O. B. Wilmarth, E. Yizer, Lewis Cass, McLaughlin, John Lane, John Doyle, William Shaw, Sibley, Fox, Alexander St. Clair, Joseph Atkinson, John Chrine, Murry LeRoy, Mark Fitchene, Charles James, John James, Wm. McKensie, Alanson Cantine, B. Hubbard, M. Thero, John Park, Alexander Duncan, Alexander Thompson, Hannibal Lowe, Joseph Greens, Augustus Wessmer, James Caldwell, Alexander McKibben, Charles Lees, David Smart, Patrick Tergent, George Barn, C. Grosbeck, John Lee, A. & J. Bour, Barney Felisher, F. J. B. Crane, Casne & Wesson, James W. Tillman, William Miller, Hugh Flynn, Peter Chapaton, Antoine Chapaton (estate of), Jeremiah Fisher, Benjamin Fischer, Patrick Larkin, Hugh Flynn, William Barclay, H. K. Sanger, Richard Wapstone, Gordon Williams, Samuel Zure, Hannah & Hendrickson, Lumer Stetson, Michael Mio on, Dennis Mullane, Michael Risch, Mrs. Hanks, (widow) Adam Bureat, Paul Ka h, George Weyu, Harry Robette, Stephen B. Morse, Joseph Chabore, Nicholas Pastell, Michael Schniden, Henry Benson, Jonathan Kearsley, Catharine Jones, Lewis Cass, William Esson, Cyrus Barker, Frank Miriam, Public School, James Canney, F. J. B. Crane, Daniel Hickey, William O'Donnell, John Strashan, Martin Hale, Patrick Whalen, and to the owners and occupants of property on the south south side of Congress street, lot 83 Lambert Beaubien Farm;

On the east side of Farmer street from John R. street to Grand River street;

On the south side of Macomb street from Russel to Riopelle street;

On the west side of Third street from Porter to Michigan Avenue;

On the north side of Orchard street from Second to Third street;

On the north side of Sibley street, from Woodward Avenue to Park street;

On the south side of Adams Avenue from Brush to Beaubien street;

On the north side of Maple street, in front of lots 166, 167, and 168 on Rivard farm;

On the south side of John R. street from Miami Avenue to Madison Avenue;

On the north side of Farmer street from Monroe Avenue to State street;

On the north side of Mullet street from Rivard to Russel street;

On the north side of Mullet street from Hastings to Rivard street;

On the south side of Abbott street from Fifth to Seventh street;

On the north side of Abbott street from Fifth to Sixth street;

On the north side of Mullet street from Riopelle to Orleans street;

On the south side of Abbott street from Sixth to Seventh street;

On the north side of Jones street from Third to Fifth street;

On the west side of Randolph street from Jefferson Avenue to an alley on the north side of Jefferson Avenue.

On the west side of Second street from Fort street to Jefferson Avenue, and to all other persons interested;

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of constructing plank sidewalks in front of or adjacent to the above described premises; and that reports or assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 26th day of August, A. D. 1884, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessments should not be made and collected according to law.

By order of the Common Council,

August 10

R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

MONDAY, August 14, 1884.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, and was called to order by His Honor, the Mayor.

Present—Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Hull, Ingersoll, Leroy, Lyon, Mayhew and Wilcox.

Ald. Barclay, from the Committee on Ways and Means, offered the following report, agreeably to instructions of the Common Council:

The Committee on Ways and Means report the following correspondence with the Board of State Auditors, together with accompanying preamble and resolutions:

DETROIT, August 11, '84.

Hon. B. C. WHITEMORE, State Treasurer, and PORTER KIBBE, Land Commissioner of the State of Michigan:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, Committee on Ways and Means of the City of Detroit, to whom was reported the subject of purchasing, for account of said city, of the State of Michigan, the fractional lot of ground situated on the east side of Griswold street, adjacent to the Campus Martius, with the building thereon, and known as the Seminary property, hereby offer the State of Michigan, in behalf of said city of Detroit, for said property, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, payable as follows, viz: Five thousand dollars in cash on the 1st of September next, and ten thousand dollars in ten years from that time, with interest annually.

Your obedient servants,
E. A. LANSING, } Committee on Ways
WM. BARCLAY, } and Means of Com-
mon Council of the
City of Detroit.

The undersigned, on behalf of the State of Michigan, do hereby accept the annexed and foregoing proposition of the city of Detroit, with the understanding that the city takes the property subject to the leases heretofore executed, or agreed to be executed, by the State of Michigan, for a portion or all of said land.

B. C. WHITEMORE, } Board of State
State Treasurer, } Auditors.
PORTER KIBBE, }
State Land office.

Whereas, The Committee on Ways and Means, heretofore appointed by the Common Council for the purpose, have entered into a contract with the Board of State Auditors for the purchase, for the city of Detroit, of all the right, title and interest, legal as well as equitable, of said State, in and to all that triangular piece of ground known as the fractional lot situated on the east side of Griswold street, and adjacent to the Campus Martius, in the city of Detroit, on which was erected the Female Seminary, together with the building thereon erected, for the sum of \$15,000, of which \$5,000 is to be paid on the 1st of September next, and the balance in ten years, with interest, to be paid annually; therefore,

Resolved, That the said contract be, and the same is hereby, ratified and approved of.

Resolved, That the City Auditor be, and is hereby, authorized and required to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of said State Auditors for said sum of \$5,000, to apply on said contract.

E. A. LANSING, } Committee on
WM. BARCLAY, } Ways and Means.

DETROIT, August 14, '84.

And the report was accepted, and the preamble and resolutions adopted, as follows:

Ye s—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Hull, Ingersoll, Leroy, Lyon, Mayhew, Wilcox, and His Honor the Mayor—10.

Nay—None.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

Pay Taxes and Save Per Centage.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

Detroit, August 10, 1884.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE AS-

essment rolls to defray the expense of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings on Randolph street, from the south curb of Atwater street to the river; on Brush street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to north curb of Woodbridge street; on Brush street, from the south curb of Woodbridge street to the north curb of Atwater street; on Beaubien street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to north curb of Woodbridge street; on Woodbridge street, from the centre of Brush street to the centre of Beaubien street; on Woodbridge street, from the centre of Woodbridge street to the centre of St. Antoine street. on Atwater street, from the centre of Orleans street to the centre of Dequindre street; on alley between Bates and Randolph streets and Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street; and on alley between Brush and Beaubien streets and Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street; on Griswold street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street, and from the south curb of Woodbridge street to the north curb of Atwater street; and on Beaubien street from the south curb of Woodbridge street to the north curb of Atwater street; and on alley south of Woodbridge street, between Brush and Beaubien streets—have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom those interested may make payment until the second day of September, A. D. 1884, when they will be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and five per cent for collection added.

August 10

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, August 22, 1854.

The Council was called to order by His Honor, the Mayor.

Present, Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Fincham, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew and Patton.

The Council then organized as a Board of Health, when Ald. Lansing offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, It appears from the daily Reports of Interments in the different Cemeteries of Detroit, made by the Committee heretofore appointed by this Board for that purpose, that during the past two weeks, such interments have only averaged but a trifle more per day than usual at this season of the year, from a population as large and so largely interspersed with foreigners, as the present population of Detroit, and more especially as it appears from said Reports, and is also the opinion of many of the most eminent physicians of the city, that no epidemic is now prevailing in our midst, and that the cholera, which raged to a considerable extent during the month of July and the first few days of the present month, has almost entirely ceased its ravages; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee heretofore appointed by this Board to obtain and publish a daily account of interments, &c., be, and they are hereby released from the performance of further duty, under the resolution by which they were appointed, and are authorized to discontinue their Reports from and after this date.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 25th of July last, prohibiting the sale of certain fruits and vegetables, and also, fresh pork, veal and fish in the Markets or elsewhere, and the regulation adopted in regard to the same, matter on the 25th day of July, 1854, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the City Hall Market be, and he is hereby directed to enforce more rigidly than heretofore the provisions of Sec. 9, of Chapter 12, Revised Ordinances of 1848, prohibiting the sale of such vegetables as may be unbound, unwholesome, and of bad quality.

PETITIONS.

Of J. Kearsley, relative to the erroneous assessment of taxes. Referred to City Attorney, Recorder and Committee on Taxes.

Of D. J. Campau, W. A. Bacon (for Mrs. E. Stuart,) J. C. Gorton, Wm. Burnell, Matilda Watson and D. M. Fiske, asking the correction of assessment rolls, and refunding of money paid for taxes wrongly assessed. Same reference.

Of John Hubbert and others, asking that the rent for vegetable stands be remitted the present season on account of the action of the Board of Health prohibiting the sale of vegetables. Referred to Committee on Markets.

Of G. W. Hudson and others, for plank sewer in the alley between Henry and Sibley streets, to commence in rear of lot No. 14, to connect with Park street sewer. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of Thos. Nichols, for a box drain in alley between Montcalm and George streets, to lead into new Sewer in Park street. Same reference.

Of J. Kearsley, O. B. Dibble and others, for abatement of nuisance emanating from the Sewer at the intersection of Randolph street with Jefferson avenue. Same reference.

Of John Woods and others, for a brick Sewer 18 inches in diameter, in the alley between Porter and Abbott streets.—Same reference.

Of G. W. Bisell and others, for a box drain in alley between Lafayette and Howard streets, from line between lots 3 and 4, to Sewer on Second street. Same reference.

Of C. Miller, for permission to enter sewer from lot 9, Chas. Moran Farm, between St. Antoine and Hastings streets.

Granted, under superintendence of City Surveyor.

Of John M. Davis, Superintendent of Sewers, for increased compensation, or an assistant. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of Dr. L. G. Robinson, asking payment of \$15, for attending a poor man. Referred to Committee on Health and Director of Poor.

Of Wm. Cuddy, for leave to enter Brush street sewer, from lot 79, corner of Brush and Harriet streets. Granted, under superintendence of Surveyor and Street Commissioner.

Of John J. Deidrick, Supervisor of 4th Ward, for increased compensation for labor on streets. Referred to Street Commissioner and Attorney.

Of P. Clessene, Supervisor of 7th Ward, for increased compensation, and allowance of account. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Chipman & Bigelow, Agents of Abner Sherman, relative to payment of a assessment for abating nuisance. Referred to Attorney and Recorder.

Of John Esbeck, asking that the branch sewer, on Fifth street, between Beech street and the sewer on James street, be built, as reported by the Committee on Sewers in April last. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of S. L. Campbell, to lease rooms in Seminary building, for school. Laid on table.

Communication from Sister M. De Sales, Superior of St. Mary's Hospital, and from Sister Mary Lucretia, Superior of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, asking remission of fine of \$105 39, imposed upon them, a donation from the Council, and inviting the Common Council to visit the

premises. Referred to a special Committee of five, to visit and report.

The Mayor appointed as such Committee, Ald. Craig, Lansing, Barclay, Leroy and Martin.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

Black River Saw Mill Co., for lumber for use of City Pound, \$22; John Patton, for repairs on Engines No. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, and materials, \$52.88; Thos. H. Kinkad, grain for Engine Co. No. 8, \$35.72; F. Wilkinson, ringing alarm of fire 15th and 18th inst, \$4; F. B. Sibley, 24 bbls. lime, \$15; W. Knowles, repairs and materials, \$24.07; P. Keavy, labor and abating nuisances, \$33.40; W. Jones, burying 103 cats and dogs, \$12.87; John Ulrich, cleaning City Hall offices and walks, \$18; salaries of Officers, \$500; Trowbridge & Co., for lime distributed in city, \$25.75; do. for lime, \$56.76; Bagge, Patten & McDonald, for stationery, \$18.02; Samuel French, filling in side walk, &c., \$24.25; do. repairing and paving streets, \$83.89; William Gilbert, 43 bbls. lime, \$59.63; Wm. Burnell, 21 bbls. lime, \$21; Stinson, Kellogg & Co., repairs on engines 6 and 7, \$10; Frederick Funke, supervisor of the Sixth Ward, for labor, &c., \$308.58; J. Andrews, for services as fire Night Watch, from July 13 to Aug. 14, \$46.50; J. Andrews, ringing alarm bell Aug. 6th, \$2; do. ringing alarm Aug. 7, \$1; Hospital, care of sick poor in July, \$96.51; L. B. Willard, disbursements in July, for City paupers, \$140.75; Chas. Jackson, \$57.93; John Grant, for cleansing raved streets, \$6.50; Henry May, for do, \$1.50; Edward White, for do, \$3.13; Sanford Britton, for interring papers from the 5th of May to Aug. 20, \$610.25; Gideon Bolie, work on streets, with team, \$13.75. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the Recorder and City Attorney, in favor of allowing claim of A. D. Frazer, as Counsel fees. Accepted and adopted.

From the same, adverse to petition of Javner Gagnier, Geo. F. Cline (by J. W. Moore, agent, and Mrs. J. B. Vallee, for correction of assessment. Accepted.

From the Recorder, relative to petition of R. C. Smith, and others, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition for an appropriation from the City funds towards the support of Mr. Knight, a crazy man, now confined in the Utica Lunatic Asylum, be, and the same is hereby referred to the Director of the Poor, with instructions to inquire into the facts in regard to said application, and if satisfied, after an examination into such facts, that said Knight is liable to become a City charge, then that he be, and he is hereby authorized to pay such sum per week towards his support in said Lunatic Asylum as the city would be obliged to pay in case said Knight was returned and abandoned by his friends. Adopted.

From the City Attorney, an Ordinance to amend Sec. 6, entitled "An Ordinance relative to City Scavenger," ordained and dated the 27th day of March, A. D. 1849. Read once and laid on the table.

To the Hon. the Common Council.

The undersigned respectfully begs leave to report the following assessment for side and cross-walks, as made according to City Ordinance: Side-walk on the east side of First street, from Michigan avenue to Fort street; a side-walk on the west side of First street, from Michigan avenue to Fort street; a cross-walk across Park street, north side of Montcalm street.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Hon. the Common Council.

By the direction of your Honorable Body, I have notified the owners of property on the east side of Woodward avenue, between Woodbridge street and Atwater, to relay these side-walks as directed. Only two of the owners of property have complied with the requirements of said notice. I, therefore, respectfully commend that an assessment be made for said side-walks according to the Ordinance, and that it be built. I also respectfully beg leave to recommend the construction of new cross-walks, ten feet wide, across Farrar street, across Monroe avenue, and across Randolph, on the east side of Monroe avenue.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Accepted.

To the Hon. the Common Council.

I herewith submit assessment rolls for defraying the expense of cast-iron plates for covering up culverts across Woodbridge street, at the crossing of Bates, Randolph, Brush, Beaubien, and St. Antoine streets, and across Franklin street, at the crossing of Beaubien street. All of which are respectfully submitted.

Accepted. THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

To the Hon. the Common Council.

I herewith submit to your Honorable Body the following assessment rolls, to wit: For paving Therese alley, from the south line of Berthelet alley to the River; for paving Poline alley from the west curb of Randolph street to the east curb of Bates street; for paving Market alley from the south line of Poline alley to the north curb of Atwater street; for paving alley between Woodward avenue and Bates street, south of Atwater street; for paving alley between Bates and Randolph streets, south of Atwater street; for paving Franklin street and alley from the west curb of Beaubien street to the east curb of Brush street; for paving Campus Martius between Woodward and Monroe avenues; for paving Berthelet alley from Brush to Randolph streets; and for taking and relaying and paving on Woodbridge street, from the east line of Third to the east line of Second streets. In consequence of an error in assessment rolls heretofore submitted, I hereby submit the following assess-

ment, as corrected, to wit: For paving Brush street from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; and for paving the alley south of Jefferson avenue, from the east curb of Brush street to the west curb of Beaubien street. All of which are respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Accepted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I herewith submit to your honorable body assessment rolls for defraying the expenses of constructing the following box drains, to wit: In the alley north of Monroe Avenue, between Farrar and Farmer streets, and thence to Farmer street to Monroe Avenue, and in the alley south of Woodbridge street, between Brush and Beaubien streets, and also an assessment roll for repairing a private sewer in St. Antoine street, at the crossing of Congress street, all of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, August 22, 1854.

Accepted.

From the Commission on Streets, tables of grades for Hastings, St. Antoine and Beaubien streets, north of the Gratiot road. Referred to the Committee on streets.

From the City Marshal, assessment rolls for property upon which he could not find goods and chattels.

Referred to Committee on streets and City Attorney.

The Committee on sewers, to whom was referred the report in relation to the construction of a sewer on Fifth street, from the north line of Michigan Avenue to Jones street sewer, do most respectfully report the cost of the same to be two hundred dollars.

I. W. INGERSOLL,

STEPHEN MARTIN,

ISAAC FINEHART.

Accepted.

From Wm. Duncan, Chief Engineer of Fire Department, that he had sold to Commissioners of Water Works 233 feet of condemned hose, at 25 cents per foot. Accepted.

From the same, asking the passage of an ordinance to prevent the use of water from reservoirs, and to prohibit persons not belonging to fire companies from resting to engine houses. Referred to Attorney, with instructions to report necessary ordinances.

From the same, relative to the deficiency in fire alarms, and asking additional quantity of hose for the use of the several engine companies.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

From the same, relative to new engine purchased for Fire Company No. 8. Referred to Committee on Fire Department and Chief Engineer, with power.

From the Committee on Fire Department, that Engine Co. No. 4 have an appropriation to paint their engine and hose cart, at an expense not exceeding forty dollars.

Adopted.

The committee on sewers, to whom was referred the petition of John M. Davis, would report in favor of appointing an assistant superintendent of sewers, at two dollars per day, as in their opinion it is impossible for one man to attend to all the sewers now under contract.

I. W. INGERSOLL, } Com. on Sewers.

ISAAC FINEHART, }

Ald. Martin moved the following resolution as a substitute for the report:

Resolved, That John M. Davis be paid an extra compensation of one dollar per day from and after the 1st of June, until the council shall otherwise direct.

Lost—Yeas 3, nays 8.

The report was accepted, and the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

MONDAY, Aug. 14, 1854.

The Board was called to order by his Honor the Mayor O. M. Hyde.

Present—Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Hull, Ingersoll, Leroy, Lyon, Mayhew, Wilcox.

Ald. Craig offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution of the Board of Health, passed on the 25th of July, 1854, prohibiting the sale in our markets of vegetables, fish and veal, is hereby rescinded.

Laid upon the table, and the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

REGULATION

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE CITY OF DETROIT.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE BOARD of Health of the City of Detroit, that if any of the vegetables, fruit, and meats, mentioned in the resolution adopted by this Board on the twenty-fifth day of July, A. D. 1854, are brought to any of the markets of said city, and there exposed for sale, or if the same shall be exposed for sale or sold in any part of the city, that the person or persons so bringing such articles to the markets for sale, or exposing the same for sale in the markets, or elsewhere in said city, shall be liable to the penalty provided for by Sec. 3, chapter 35, of Revised Statutes of 1846; and it shall be the duty of the Clerks of the Markets, and of the Marshal and Police officers of the city, to make the necessary complaints for a violation of this regulation.

and

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, August 29, 1854.

The Council met and was called to order by his Honor, the Mayor.

Present—Eldermen Collins, Ingersoll, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew and Patton.

There being no quorum present, the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

Detroit, August 31, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:

To Lathur Beecher, Chauncey Hulbert, E. P. Johnnesse, Theodore Williams, agent, Barnabas Campau (state of,) H. Berthelet (estate of,) John Lebat, Alta E. Mather, Vira Dyke & Lyell, Elizabeth McDonald, George F. Porter, J. Barnabas Campau, John McGuire, Alexander M. Campau, Emeline Campau, Anson Eldred, David French, Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company, F. W. Weddick, John Copland, Joy & Porter, agent, Robert Stuart (estate of,) B. Campau (state of,) Michael Maritz, John Patton, Joel Lancelotti, W. Thompson, Neil Flattery, Edmund A. Brush, Mary A. Cicott, Thomas Early, Thomas Coquilard, Charles Beaubien, Peter Lee, Thomas Tromble, Robert Beauvion, John R. Williams, Charles R. Trombley, Charles Lappan, John Wetzel, Nelson Tomlinson, David Cooper, Victoria Cole, A. W. Elmer, Eliza Chase, William K. Coyle, John Hull, James Tilson, Hiram R. Walker, George B. Russell, John Farmer, Andrew T. McKeenolds, Charles A. Trowbridge, Andrew T. and John McKeenolds, John Harmon, and to the owners and occupants of property on Berthelet alley, from the eastern curb of Randolph street to the western curb of Brush street; on Theresse alley, from the south curb of Atwater street to Detroit river; on Market alley, from north curb of Atwater street to the south line of Pauline alley; on Theresse alley, from the south line of Berthelet alley, to the north curb of Atwater street; on alley south of Atwater street, between Bates street and Randolph street; on Franklin street and alley from the western curb of Beaubien street, to the eastern curb of Brush street; on alley east of Woodward avenue and south of Atwater street, connecting said street with Bates street; on Campus Martius, between Woodward avenue and Jefferson avenue; and to all other persons interested.

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving, and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the twelfth day of September, A. D. 1854, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room in said city and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

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RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO NUMBERING buildings in the city of Detroit:

SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the city of Detroit, in Common Council convened, That whenever the Common Council shall, by resolution, direct the public streets or avenues, or any part of said streets or avenues, to be numbered, said streets or avenues shall be numbered as hereinafter provided, and the owners or agents of the said buildings or premises so directed to be numbered, lying alongside said streets or avenues, shall pay the costs of numbering the same; and any owner or agent refusing or neglecting to have his premises or buildings so numbered, whenever a public street or avenue is directed to be numbered as aforesaid, such person or persons shall, for every such offence, on conviction before the Mayor's Court, forfeit a sum of five dollars and costs of prosecution.

SEC. 2. That the numbering on Jefferson avenue, Woodbridge street, and Atwater street, commence at the western termination of each of said streets, and that the numbers one, three, five, seven, &c., be used on the left hand of each of said streets, and the numbers two, four, six, eight, &c., be used on the right hand side of each of said streets, and proceed easterly as far as it may from time to time be deemed necessary or expedient.

SEC. 3. That on all other streets parallel to Jefferson avenue the numbering shall commence where such street crosses Woodward avenue and proceed easterly and westerly, as far as necessary, using the odd numbers one, three, five, seven, &c., on the left, and even numbers, two, four, six, eight, &c., on the right hand side of each of said streets.

SEC. 4. That on Woodward avenue, and all streets running parallel to it the numbering shall commence at the channel of the Detroit river and proceed northward as far as may be required, using the numbers one, three, five, seven, &c., on the left, and the numbers two, four, six, eight, &c., on the right hand side of each of said streets respectively.

SEC. 5. That whenever there are vacant lots along the line of said streets, one number shall be allowed to every twenty feet of such vacant lot.

SEC. 6. All ordinances contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and dated at Detroit, the first day of August, A. D. 1854.

OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.

Attest: RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk. aul2-1wd

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, September 5, 1854.

Council met and was called to order by His Honor, the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present, the Recorder, and Ald. Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Martin, Mayhew, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Seymour A. Baker, to vault the street in front of block of stores being erected by him on Shelby street, six feet beyond the side walk. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Phoenix Fire Co. No. 5, for enlargement of doors and repair of engine house. Referred to Committee on Fire Department, with power.

Of John King, that means may be devised to pay immediately the laborers for building lateral sewer in alley between Farmer and Farrar streets. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Of Henry Gordon and others asking that a tax should not be assessed upon their property for sewer in alley between Abbott and Porter streets. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of Rufus Brown, Mathias Gernein, H. & J. Short, and others, asking relief for erroneous assessment of taxes.—Referred to Recorder, Attorney, and Committee on Taxes.

Of John Phillips and others, for abatement of nuisance caused by standing water in 7th ward. Marshal ordered to abate forthwith.

Of Eli Laderoot, for renewal of certain assessments that have run out in his hands. Granted.

Of Neil Flattery and others, to remove buildings on Franklin street back to line of street. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of George Miller, to enter Orleans street at its termination. Granted, under supervision of Surveyor.

Of W. Watkins and others, for gas lamp post at corner of Macomb and Beaubien streets. Referred to Committee on Gas.

Of Eliza Welch, asking that John Welch, committed to jail for violation of ordinance, be released. Laid on table.

Of W. P. Campbell and P. Klein, to enter Brush street sewer from alley in rear of their buildings on Jefferson Avenue and Brush street. Granted, under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of Wm. Rowe and others, for side walks six feet wide on south side of Sibley street, from Woodward Avenue to Clifford, with cross-walks on intervening streets and alleys. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of D. L. Shaw, for hydrant in city pound. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Of Asa P. Mormon and others, asking for the abatement of nuisance caused by city pound. Referred to Committee on Health.

Of John Hilson and others, asking that the buildings on the northwest, northeast and southwest corners of Bates and Woodbridge streets, be removed back to line of lots referred to Surveyor to report.

Resignation of Wm. Latrville, special constable, and recommending appointment of James Wood. Resignation accepted.

Of D. Sullivan and others, for a 12 inch box-drain in alley north of Michigan Avenue, to connect with Jones street sewer. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him: John N. Ingersoll, publishing Mayor's proclamations, Treasurer's notices, ordinances, &c., \$56 25; Young & Co., gutter plates for crossings, \$195 24; Hudson & Wilkins, labor and lumber, building city pound; Baker & Conover, publishing proclamation and ordinances, \$9.00; Jas. McDermott, repairing cross-walks, \$13.50; Daniel Freely, repairing cross walks, \$16.88; John King, labor and materials, making sewers, \$47.54; Geo. M. Lane, salary, \$45.00; Samuel French, extra grading in paving streets, \$350 50; M. Loulin, for labor on streets, \$5.00; St. Mary's Hospital, care of sick poor in August, \$122 47; Thos. Hunka, Supervisor 5th ward, labor on streets to Aug. 1, \$33.37; do., salary as Assistant Marshal and distributing lime, \$252 27; John J. Deltrich, Supervisor 4th ward, labor, &c., on streets, \$52 87; Wm. Duncan, carting hose and express charges, \$4.00; Thos. Hurst, Supervisor of 1st ward, labor, &c., on streets, \$242 33; do., services as Assistant Marshal, \$9.00; do., 20 bbls. lime and distributing same, \$29.50; Wm. Henman, taking drunken woman to jail, 50 c.; T. Wayne and E. Walser, watching fire, \$4.00; J. Patton, painting engine No. 4 and cart, \$40.00; John McCurdy, 300 lbs. copers and distributing same in streets, \$18.00; J. Gazelle, burying 11 dogs, \$1.37; John Warren, labor on streets, \$23.00; M. Lordin, labor on streets, \$10.00; Jas. Valentine, burying 7 dogs and cats, 87 c.; W. McCoy, burying 16 dogs and cats, \$2.00; do., burying 75 cats and dogs, and removing filth from soap factory, \$13.37; Wm. Knowles, building bridges, \$20.00; Mich. State Bank, money advanced for labor on streets, \$344 87; David Kendall, building culverts, \$15 05; Edward Beaubien, salary Assistant Surveyor, \$21.00; John Clark, Supervisor 21 ward, \$46.00; Samuel French, paving cross-walks, \$701.94; do., for paving Campus Martius, \$2123.04.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit: By the provisions of an ordinance passed May 7th, 1852, amending the then existing ordinance relative to the col-

lection of taxes, the Common Council are required to designate the day in each year when warrants are to issue to the Collectors of taxes, and also to fix the per centage to be allowed them for the collection of taxes.

The several Tax Rolls are being examined and prepared prior to their delivery to the respective Collectors, and will be ready by the 15th or 20th inst.

Respectfully,
CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

Referred to Committee on Taxes.

From the City Auditor, recommending that, as a certain contract for building Heaubien street sewer had not been signed, it be given to the next lowest bidder.

On motion of Ald. Wilcox, the report was adopted, and the City Auditor instructed to contract immediately with Joseph Granger for building the sewer.

From the City Treasurer, evidences of indebtedness received by him as follows, viz.:

Coupons.....	\$2,815.82
Commission.....	9 17
Sinking Fund.....	984.04
Interest on Washington Market Bonds.....	70.00
Total.....	\$3,877.13

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit: The undersigned would most respectfully report to your Honorable body that he has investigated the matter as to whether Deguindre street is a public street or otherwise, and would most respectfully report to your Honorable body that he is of opinion that said street is a public street, the Pontiac Railroad Company having a right of way through the same; but, although this is a matter of very great interest to the public, yet the undersigned cannot at this time recommend to the city authorities to take legal proceedings in the matter, as such a course would involve the city in much litigation and great expense. However, the undersigned would recommend that proceedings be taken, on the part of the people, to procure an indictment against the Pontiac Railroad Company, for nuisance, or for obstructing said street, as a prosecution of this kind, would develop all the facts appertaining to the dedication of said street, and determine what right, if any the public have to the same.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

Accepted.

From the City Attorney, "An ordinance for the better preservation of engine houses," and "An ordinance for the better preservation of public reservoirs and the water therein." Read the first time and laid on table.

From the City Clerk, bond of Earl F. Plantz, Collector of 5th ward, for \$10,000, with A. A. Fish and Wm. Patton as sureties. Referred to Alderman of 6th ward.

From the Committee on Streets, recommending that the table of grades for Hastings, St. Antoine and Heaubien streets, north of the Gratiot road, reported by the Commission on grades, be confirmed. Adopted.

From the Committee on Health, adverse to the petition of Dr. L. G. Robinson for \$15, for medical services to Thos. Brown. Adopted.

From John Hull, Chairman Committee on Health, recommending that \$100 be paid to John C. Sabine for extra services as Clerk of City Hall Market in 1853. Referred to Committee on Markets.

From the Committee on Sewers, in favor of granting petition of G. W. Hudson and others for plank sewer in alley between Henry and Sibley streets, from the rear of lot No. 14, to connect with Park street sewer. Adopted.

From the same, granting prayer of Thomas Nichols and others for box-drain in alley between Montcalm and George streets, to lead into Park street sewer. Adopted.

From the same, granting privilege to John Hull to enter drain on Campus Martius, (leading into Woodward Avenue sewer,) from lot 45, sec. 7, and requiring City Surveyor to make assessment for same. Adopted.

From the same, that they had appointed Matthew Oliver Assistant Superintendent of Sewers. Adopted.

From the same, that the prayer of the petition of D. Sullivan and others for a 12 inch box drain in alley north of Michigan Avenue, to connect with Jones street sewer, and that the City Surveyor make assessment for the same. Adopted.

From the same, in favor of granting prayer of petition of John Woods and others for a brick drain 18 inches in diameter in the alley between Porter and Abbott streets, from the east side of Fifth street to connect with the Sixth street sewer, and that assessments be made for the same. Adopted.

From the same, in favor of granting prayer of petition of G. W. Bissell and others for a wooden or box drain in alley between Lafayette and Howard streets, from the line between lots 5 and 4, to connect with sewer on Second street, in accordance with the ordinance. Adopted.

From the same, that the Street Commissioner be authorized to abate nuisance from sewer at corners of Jefferson Avenue and Randolph street, by putting in the most approved sink-trap. Adopted.

From the same, in favor of granting the prayer of petition of John Essick and others for branch sewer on Fifth street, between Bech street and the sewer on Jones street, providing the signers furnish the means to construct the same. Adopted.

Ald. Ingersoll, from Committee on Sewers, reported verbally in regard to contract for St. Antoine street sewer,

and the subject was referred to Committees on Sewers and Streets.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Fischer,
Resolved, That the Pontiac Railroad Company is hereby directed to build a stone wall, with suitable bridges, over the same, at such points as the said Railroad intersects the streets of this city, at such places as the same may be required; and also build a fence on said wall, of proper height and dimensions, on that portion of said railroad which runs along Desquaire street, from Woodbridge street to the Gratiot road; and that the said Company be further directed to construct said wall and bridges by the first day of December next. Referred to Committee on Sewers—yeas 7, nays 4.

By Ald. Wilcox,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to have the water which remains on the pavement of Atwater street, at the foot of Hastings, Riopelle, Russell, and Orleans streets, carried into the river, either by making inlets into sewers or culverts across Atwater street, as he may find it most convenient and cheapest. Adopted.

By Ald. Ingersoll,
Resolved, That the Pontiac Railroad Company be notified that this Council grants them the right of way to build a sewer, two feet in diameter, on Franklin street, from the turn in the road, to connect or empty into the sewer now building on Franklin and Orleans streets, providing they will build it under the supervision of the City Surveyor; and that the city will furnish the necessary iron timbers for cellar draining, the sewer to be built entirely at the expense of the Railroad Company, and said sewer to be owned by the city. Adopted.

By Ald. Ingersoll,
Resolved, That, in the payment of the salaries of the Director of the Poor, and City Physician, the Auditor be instructed to construe the action of the Council of the 18th July as increasing them from the commencement of their official terms for 1884. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,
Resolved, That a walk, six feet wide, be constructed across Shelby street to the side of Congress street, under the direction of the Street Commissioner. Adopted.

By Ald. Martin,
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to construct all box drains ordered by the Council, where the owners shall refuse to do the same. Adopted.

By the Recorder,
Whereas, It appears, from the reports of interments in the different Cemeteries of Detroit, published under authority of the Board of Health, during the recent visitation of the cholera in our city, that a large proportion of the persons who died in said city are interred in cemeteries in the town of Hamtramck, over which the city authorities have no control; *And Whereas*, it is important that authentic and reliable records of burials from the city should at all times be kept and preserved, in order that the extent of mortality in the city may at any and all times be known therefore,

Resolved, That the Superintendents of Elmwood and Mt. Elliott Cemeteries, in the town of Hamtramck, be, and they are hereby, respectfully requested to make full and correct reports, on Monday of each week, of all interments made in their respective cemeteries during the preceding week, and that they state, in their reports, the date of the respective interments—names of the persons interred—their places of nativity—their age at time of decease—the place where they died—the disease of which they died; that said reports be left at the City Clerk's office, and be by the Clerk carefully preserved, in his office, for the inspection of all persons desirous of examining the same; and that each of the Superintendents of said cemeteries be allowed the sum of one dollar, respectively, for each report filed by him with the Clerk, as aforesaid, to be paid quarterly, by the Treasurer, at the expiration of each quarter, on a certificate, from the Clerk, that the reports have been duly made, during the quarter, as contemplated by this resolution.

Resolved, That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby, directed to bring in an ordinance to amend Sec. 12 of Ch. 21 of City Ordinances, so as to require reports, from the City Sexton, of interments in the City Cemetery, on *Monday of each week*, of all interments made in that cemetery, during the previous week, instead of quarterly, as heretofore.

Resolved, That the Clerk cause to be printed 600 blank forms of reports, for the use of the Superintendents of Elmwood and Mt. Elliott Cemeteries, and the City Sexton; and that the Clerk enter, in a record to be kept in his office for that purpose, an abstract of all the reports from the different cemeteries, made in pursuance of the foregoing resolutions, showing the exact number of all the interments, from the city, for each day, and the diseases by which death has been caused, in each case; and that the Auditor draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the sum expended by the Clerk in procuring the blanks and a record, as contemplated by this resolution. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,
Whereas, It appears by affidavit on file, that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property on the south side of Congress street, lot 83 Lambert Beaubien Farm;

On the east side of Farmer street, from John R. street to Grand River street;

On the south side of Macomb street from Russell to Riopelle street;

On the west side of Third street from Porter to Michigan Avenue;

On the north side of Orchard street from Second to Third street;

On the north side of Sibley street from Woodward Avenue to Park street;

On the south side of Adams Avenue from Brush to Beaubien street;

On the north side of Maple street, in front of lots 166, 167, and 178 on Rivard farm;

On the south side of John R. street from Miami Avenue to Madison Avenue;

On the north side of Farmer street from Monroe Avenue to State street;

On the north side of Mullet street from Rivard to Russell street;

On the north side of Mullet street from Hastings to Rivard street;

On the south side of Abbott street from Fifth to Seventh street;

On the north side of Abbott street from Fifth to Sixth street;

On the north side of Mullet street from Riopelle to Orleans street;

On the south side of Abbott street from Sixth to Seventh street;

On the north side of Jones street from Third to Fifth street;

On the west side of Randolph street from Jefferson Avenue to an alley on the north side of Jefferson Avenue;

On the west side of Second street from Fort street to Jefferson street;

That the Common Council would, on the 29th day of August, meet and review the reports or assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk, on the 13th day of June, and the 8th day of August, A. D. 1884, for the purpose of constructing side walks in front of, or adjacent to, said premises; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment, or confirmation thereof; therefore

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and the names of persons contained therein are received as correct; that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones, which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same, according to law. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,
Whereas, It appears by affidavit on file, that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property on Woodbridge street from the centre of St. Antoine to the centre of Rivard street, and on the alley east of Woodward Avenue, between Woodbridge street and Atwater street; and to all other persons interested, that the Common Council would, on the 22d day of August, A. D. 1884, meet, and review the reports or assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 1st and 8th days of August, A. D. 1884, to defray the expenses of grading, paving, and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of, and adjacent to, said premises; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment, or the confirmation thereof; therefore,

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and the names of persons contained therein are received as correct; that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be the correct ones which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same, according to law. Adopted.

The Council adjourned for two weeks.

RICHARD STARKER, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, August 10, 1884.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS.

To Alexander D. Fraser, David Smart, Edward Lyon, E. Trowbridge, Bernard C. Whittemore, Darius Lamson, B. B. Kercheval, Samuel P. Brady, J. B. Vallee, Franklin Moore, James W. Tillman, Jonathan L. King, William Stead, Charles Moran, Edward Condin, Thompson, N. P. Stewart, Henry Sibley, Euratos P. Hastings, Episcopal Church, Sarah Sibley, Sarah Sibley (Chas. S. Adams, agent), Robert Stuart (estate of), W. Russell, James Conner, Widow William Sill, (Joy & Porter, agents), George V. N. Lothery, Harvey D. Kitchell, William N. Carpenter, Henry Ledyard and the owners and occupants of property on Woodbridge street, from the centre of St. Antoine street to the centre of Rivard street, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving, and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 22d day of August, A. D. 1884, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

at all lot

RICHARD STARKER, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, September 19, 1854.

Council met at the usual hour, and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, O. M. Hyde, Esq.

Present—the Recorder, Wm. A. Cook, Esq., and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of John Stober, to enter on Rivard street sewer from lot corner of Rivard and Franklin streets.

Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of John Campbell, City Treasurer, asking that the amount of paying assessment overpaid by S. P. Brady, be refunded.

Referred to Committee on streets.

Of John Long and others, for new side walk six feet wide on the east side of Seventh street, from Fort to Abbott street, and cross walks across intervening streets and alleys.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of John Andrews, for permission to build a wood addition to dwelling-house on the Gratiot Road, between Hastings and Rivard streets.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of S. P. Brady and others, for repairs of side walk on west side of Woodward avenue, between Woodbridge street and the river.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of E. T. Hall, to move fences on Elton Park to correspond with walk.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Anthony Dudgeon, for relief "from paying a double tax on property that he does not own."

Referred to City Attorney and Recorder.

Of J. C. Holmes, for special police during State Fair. Referred to Mayor.

Of J. G. Swan, to be appointed Captain of special police during State Fair.

Referred to Mayor.

Of Young & Son, relative to paying assessment, and asking to be relieved from the Marshal's percentage, having had an understanding with the late Auditor (A. T. Hall) that an account allowed by the city should be applied upon the assessment. Referred to City Auditor.

Of A. Sheely and others, for abatement of nuisance at the foot of Hastings street.

Referred to Street Commissioner and Marshal.

Of C. G. Blindbury and others, for assessment for side and cross walks nine feet wide from Randolph street to the eastern line of the city, on the north side of Atwater street.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Isaac W. Ingersoll, that an assessment may be made to defray the expenses of digging up a drain in the alley on the north side of Congress street, between Beaubien and St. Antoine streets.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

The following communication was received and referred to Committee on Markets:

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit—Gentlemen:

The undersigned respectfully represents that Francis McDonald, Clerk of the City Hall Market, in the city of Detroit, permits the exposure and sale of unwholesome provisions therein, after frequent representations of the same, contrary to the ordinance in such case made and provided, and against the health and peace of the citizens of said city. Respectfully,

JOHN C. WILLIAMS.

Detroit, Sept. 18th, 1854.

REPORTS.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I herewith submit to your Honorable body assessment rolls for paving Bates street from the north curb of Jefferson avenue to the south curb of Congress street, for paving Larned street from the eastern curb of Woodward avenue to the western curb of Bates street, and for paving the alley between Woodward avenue and Griswold street, and Woodbridge and Atwater streets.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, Sept. 19th, 1854.

Accepted.

From the City Surveyor, relative to buildings standing in street on the corners of Bates and Woodbridge streets.

On motion of Alderman Barclay, referred to Recorder, City Attorney, and Aldermen of second ward.

From the City Attorney, "an ordinance to amend section 12, chapter 21, of Revised Ordinances of 1848, relative to grave-yards."

Read the first time and laid on table.

By Alderman Wilcox:

Whereas, It appears by affidavits on file that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property on Woodbridge street, to the centre of the blocks on each side of Bates street; on Woodbridge street, to the centre of the blocks on each side of Brush street, on Woodbridge street, to the centre of the blocks on each side of Beaubien street; on Woodbridge street, to the centre of the blocks on each side of St. Antoine street; on Franklin street, to the centre of the block on each side of Beaubien street, and to all other persons interested: that the Common Council would, on the nineteenth day of September, A. D. 1854, meet and review the reports or assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 22d day of August, A. D. 1854, to defray the expense of cast iron plates for culverts at the crossing of Bates and Woodbridge streets; across Woodbridge street, at the crossing of Brush street; across Woodbridge street, at the crossing of Beaubien street; across Woodbridge street, at the crossing of St. Antoine street, and across Franklin street, at the crossing of Beaubien street; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment or the confirmation thereof. Therefore,

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are ready, approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and names of persons contained therein are received as correct; that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones, which each individual, or set of individuals, should be assessed at and pay be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same according to law. Adopted.

By Alderman Wilcox:

Whereas, It appears, by affidavits on file, that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property from the centre of Second street to the line of the sidewalk on the east side of said street, on Woodbridge street; and on Woodbridge street, from the eastern curb of Third street to the centre of Second street; that the Common Council would, on the 19th day of September, A. D. 1854, meet and review the reports or assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 22d day of August, A. D. 1854, to defray the expense of taking up and relaying the pavement in front of, or adjacent to, the above described premises; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment or the confirmation thereof. Therefore,

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are ready, approved, and confirmed; that the description of premises and names of persons contained therein are received as correct; that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones which each individual, or set of individuals, should be assessed at and pay be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same according to law. Adopted.

By Alderman Wilcox:

Whereas, It appears, by affidavits on file, that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property on the alley south of Jefferson avenue, between Brush street and Beaubien street, and on Brush street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street, that the Common Council would, on the 12th day of September, A. D. 1854, meet and review the corrected reports or assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 22d day of August, A. D. 1854, to defray the expenses of grading, paving, and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of, or adjacent to, said premises; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment or the confirmation thereof. Therefore,

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and names of persons contained therein are received as correct; that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones, which each individual, or set of individuals, should be assessed at and pay be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same according to law.—Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Whereas, It appears by affidavits on file that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property on Berthelet alley, from the eastern curb of Randolph street to the western curb of Brush street; on Therese alley, from the south curb of Atwater street to Detroit river; on Market alley, from north curb of Atwater street to the south line of Pauline alley; on Therese alley, from the south line of Berthelet alley, to the north curb of Atwater street; on alley south of Atwater street, between Bates street and Randolph street; on Franklin street and alley, from the western curb of Beaubien street, to the eastern curb of Brush street; on alley east of Woodward avenue, and south of Atwater street, connecting said street with Bates street; on Campus Martius, between Woodward avenue and Jefferson avenue; and to all other persons interested, that the Common Council would, on the twelfth day of September, A. D. 1854, meet and review the report or assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the twenty-second day of August, A. D. 1854, to defray the expense of grading, paving, and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to said premises.

And whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment, or the confirmation thereof; therefore,

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are ready, approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and the names of persons contained therein, are received as correct; that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same according to law. Adopted.
To the Hon. the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—Pursuant to the provisions of sec-

tion 2 and 3 of the ordinance relative to Street Commissioner, I directed the Supervisor of the first district to suspend work in said district on the 15th of June last, all the road tax in said ward having at that time been expended or nearly expended. Since that time, he has, in violation of my directions, continued to work and expend money, for the payment of which no funds are provided, and I respectfully recommend that his bills for such work be not paid or allowed by the Council.
JOHN KING, Street Com.

Sept. 18th, 1854.

Adopted.

From the City Surveyor, estimate of work completed on Russell street sewer, under contract in 1853—8, 61 rods of brick work, excavation, back filling, &c., at \$28.36 per rod—\$243.32.

The Committees on Streets and Sewers, to whom was referred the matter of the St. Antoine street sewer, report that they are unable to obtain the consent of the Messrs. Wright to build the sewer through their premises below Atwater street, before the first of December. Your Committees, would, therefore recommend that the time for the construction of said sewer be extended to the first day of June, A. D. 1855, and that the City Attorney be instructed to draw a new contract accordingly upon the same terms that the former contract was drawn as regards payments, and that the City Clerk give notice to Mr. Jackson that he must sign the contract by the first day of October next.

W. W. WILCOX, Committee on Streets.

I. W. INGERSOLL, Committee on Sewers.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I hereby present to your Honorable body an assessment roll for cross walk across alley on the west side of Third st., between Abbott and Howard, and ask that same may be confirmed.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Sept. 16th, 1854.

Adopted.

To the Hon. Common Council:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of W. Watkins and others, asking for a lamp post and gas light, to be placed on the corner of Macomb and Beaubien streets, recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that there be one placed on the N. W. corner, of Woodbridge and Griswold streets, and one on the N. W. corner, and one on the S. E. corner of Woodbridge and Wayne streets; one on N. W. corner of Woodbridge and Cass streets; one on the N. W. and one on the S. E. corner of Woodbridge and Shelby streets; one on the south side of Michigan avenue, between Campus Martius and Bates street, and one on the N. E. and one on the S. W. corner of Bates and Larned streets, and to remove the one that is broken, standing on the N. W. corner in front of the old Firemen's Hall, which has long been an obstruction to the engines passing in and out of their houses; all of which your committee respectfully submit.

H. H. LEROY,

WM. BARCLAY,

W. C. DUNCAN,

} Committee.

Sept. 17th, 1854.

Accepted and adopted.

From the Superintendent of Sewers, relative to Jones street sewer.

Referred back with instructions for further report of amount of damages that have or may accrue from non-fulfilment of contract.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, that the account of Thos. Hurst be referred to Street Commissioner. Adopted.

From the Committee on Streets, adverse to the petition of Seymour A. Baker to excavate outside of the curb-stone in front of his premises on Shelby street. Accepted.

Alderman Wilcox moved that petitioner be allowed to vault out to the curb-stone. Adopted.

The Committee on Streets reported in favor of vacating certain portions of Franklin street, provided the petitioners filed the usual bond with the City Clerk.

From the Committee on Sewers, in favor of the petition of I. W. Ingersoll for an assessment for digging up a drain on the north side of Congress street. Laid on table one week.

From the Aldermen of the Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Wards, bonds of the Collectors of the several wards. Bonds accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

An ordinance to amend chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1848 was taken up, and, on motion, referred to special committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the several constables be authorized and instructed to act as a special police at the approaching State Fair; and that the Mayor be authorized to appoint some suitable person to act as Chief of Police on such occasion, the pay of such Chief and police officers to be two dollars per day. Adopted.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to report to this Council, at their next session, all side and cross walks ordered to be built and not finished. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the City Marshal repair the fence and gates around the City Cemetery, and put the same in proper order forthwith. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to cause a new cross walk, six feet wide, to be laid down across Griswold street, on the north side of State street, forthwith. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Mayor, to constitute one of the standing committees of the Common Council, to be styled "*the Committee on Public Buildings.*" Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the plank on Third street (for which assessments were made last spring) to be put down forthwith. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the City Pound of the city of Detroit is hereby established at and on that portion of lot number sixty five, (65,) section eight, in said city, which has been leased by the city, by order of the Common Council thereof, for the purpose of a City Pound for said city, from Joseph W. Wagner, by the month. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That Wm. Barclay be and is hereby appointed one of the Commissioners on Grades in place of our late worthy citizen, Captain Canfield, deceased. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the City Attorney and Recorder be requested to examine and report to this Council, at their next meeting, what right the city have to the alley in the rear of the Bethel church, on Woodward Avenue, as laid out by the Governor and Judges on the city map. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause to be constructed sidewalks on the westerly side of Woodward Avenue, and on the easterly and

westerly side of Griswold street, and on cross walks on the intervening streets, and alleys between Woodbridge and Atwater streets, without delay. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the Aldermen of each ward be instructed to appoint two efficient night police for each of the several wards, subject to the direction of the Aldermen of each of the wards, to serve during the continuance of the State Fair. Adopted.

By Ald. Collins,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to advertise for proposals for the construction of a brick sewer on Second street, from the river to the alley south of Larned street, according to the plan and specification on file in the office of the City Surveyor, and that the same be charged to the general sewer fund.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

By Ald. Collins,

Resolved, That Henry Euler have permission to connect with the public sewer on Michigan avenue, from his residence on the south-east corner of First and Abbott streets.

Adopted, the Surveyor to superintend the same.

By Alderman Martin,

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be instructed to deliver to the Collectors of the several wards the tax rolls, on condition that they file the necessary bonds, and that the said ward Collectors be authorized to demand and receive the sum of five per cent. upon the City, School, Sewer and Highway taxes of 1854, which may be collected by them. Lost.

On motion of Alderman Barclay, the Treasurer reported the following amounts to be collected:

1st Ward	-	-	-	12,127 96
2nd "	-	-	-	9,753 96
3d "	-	-	-	4,768 30
4th "	-	-	-	4,818 42
5th "	-	-	-	3,536 98
6th "	-	-	-	5,239 50
7th "	-	-	-	3,875 55
8th "	-	-	-	3,510 99

Ald. Barclay moved to make the per centage four instead of five per cent. Adopted.

The resolution as amended was lost.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Oct. 3, 1854.

Council met. Present—His Hon. the Mayor, O. M. Hyde, and Aldermen Collins, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Leroy, Martin, and Mayhew.

There being no quorum present, the Council adjourned. RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, August 3d, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, To Crane & Wesson, Flattery & Brother, Jeremiah O'Callaghan, Chauncey Hulbert, Theodore H. Eaton, James Hammer, George Perrin, John Thompson (estate of), and to the owners and occupants of property on the alley east of Woodward avenue, between Woodbridge and Atwater streets, in the city of Detroit, and to all persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made on you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 22d day of August, A. D. 1854, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law. aug-10t RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 4, 1854.

The Council was called to order by His Hon. the Mayor, O. M. Hyde.

Present—the Recorder and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Martin and Mayhew.

PETITIONS.

Of O. O. Swift and J. Martin, for box drain commencing on alley on the west side of Fourth street; thence north to James street; thence west, to connect with James street sewer. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of H. M. Robinson, for correction of assessment for lateral sewer in alley between Farmer and Farrar streets. Referred to City Surveyor.

Of J. Christian and others, asking that the fences on High street be set back to line of street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of A. Marvin and others, for the immediate removal of the surplus earth in Rivard street.—Referred to the Aldermen of the 4th and 7th Wards.

Of H. Francis Riley, to repair two houses destroyed by fire, at the corner of Woodbridge and First streets. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of Francis Eccard, for damages for overflow of a city sewer. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, City Attorney and Recorder.

Of James Killin, for permission to enter a sewer on the corner of Fifth and Grand River streets, from lot No. 15, Crane & Wesson's subdivision of the Forsyth farm. Adopted under supervision of the City Surveyor.

Of John King, for further time to prepare list of side and cross walks. Granted.

Of John King, relative to certain wooden buildings on Franklin street. Referred to Committee on Health.

Of J. M. Gregory, for permission to enter the sewer in Clifford street, with a drain from lots 116 and 117, corner of Clifford and Columbia streets. Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of Robert Mills and others, for side-walk on the west side of Park street, from George to Sibley street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of A. McKibbin, for private drain from his premises to the sewer on Rivard street, from the corner of Franklin street. Granted under supervision of the City Surveyor.

Of Patrick Shaughnessy, for a ten-foot side-walk on the south side of Farmer street, where the same is required between Randolph and Bates streets. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Charles Jackson, relative to contract for St. Antoine street-sewer. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of G. W. Hudson, asking that lateral sewer in the alley between Henry and Sibley streets, to connect with the Park street sewer, be constructed immediately. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of Wm. B. Smith and others, to change the name of so much of Michigan Avenue, bounded west by Woodward Avenue, and east by Randolph street, to "Market Place." Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Conrad Gies, for damages caused by overflow of drain entered by the city on the corner of Croghan and St. Antoine streets. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor the following accounts audited by him:

Peter Ulrich, for services in cleaning City Hall offices, walls, &c., \$31 50; Edward Beaubien, Assistant Surveyor, services to Oct. 1st, 1854, \$26 00; David Kendall, constructing cross-walks, &c., \$3 65; William Knowles, building bridges over gutters, &c., \$58 79; do, building culverts, &c., \$14 50; E. Laderoot, killing and burying 12 dogs, pasting hand-bills, &c., \$7 50; William Knowles, building bridges, &c., \$23 21; John King, expended on streets, sewers, and materials furnished, \$304 97; salaries of City officers, \$583 32; Bagg, Patten & McDonald, stationery, \$22 25; F. Wilkinson, night fire watch, \$48 00; do, ringing fire alarm, Aug. 23, Sept. 5, and Sept. 14, \$6 00; David Kendall, building bridges on Walnut street, \$13 36; John M. Davis, salary, \$180 00; L. B. Willard, salary, \$150 00; E. P. Christian, salary, \$150 00; John Clark, labor, &c., on streets, 94 37; Peter Clessene, \$55 87.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred a petition for side-walk on the east side of Seventh street, from Abbot to Fort street, begs leave to report in favor of building a new side-walk, as asked for by petitioners, together with cross walks on all the intervening streets and alleys; the walk to be six feet wide.

Adopted. JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons to have the fences on Eaton Park, on Fifth street, built in a circular manner, begs leave to report that the plot of said lots is in a zigzag shape, and he don't know of any ordinance which authorizes the alteration of the line of said lots; he therefore respectfully begs leave to report the same back to the Council, and asks to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Accepted. JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons for a side walk nine feet wide on the north side of Atwater street, from Randolph street to the east line of city, begs leave to report that a walk has been ordered six feet wide on said north side of Atwater st. An assessment has been made and confirmed for the same by your Honorable body; and he thinks when completed will answer every purpose contemplated in the request of said petitioners.

Accepted. JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the account of the Supervisor of the first ward, respectfully begs leave to report, that all he can say on the subject of said claim has been stated to your honorable body in a former communication; he therefore respectfully refers the same back to your honorable body, and asks to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Accepted. JOHN KING, Street Com'r.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I hereby present to your honorable body an Assessment Roll for a plank side walk, six feet wide, in front of lot 2, w. of Woodward Avenue, Latroph's division of park lots.

Accepted. JOHN KING, Street Com'r.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons, relative to a nuisance at the foot of Hastings street, beg leave to report that the same has been abated.

JOHN KING, Street Com'r.
Accepted. ELI LADEROOT, City Marshal.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of I. W. Ingersoll, relative to opening a sewer on alley east of Beaubien street, between Congress and Fort streets, respectfully begs leave to report that a nuisance did actually exist in the cellars and premises drained by said sewer; that at the time when said work was done, considerable sickness prevailed, and it was necessary that the nuisance should be abated as soon as possible; accordingly men were set to work, the drain opened, and nuisance abated, and paid for by Mr. Ingersoll. I respectfully recommend that the City Surveyor be instructed to make assessment for the expense, and that the amount be refunded to Mr. Ingersoll as soon as collected.

Sept. 3, 1854. JOHN KING, Street Com'r.
Adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I herewith submit to your honorable body Assessment Rolls for paving Shelby street from the south curb of Jefferson Avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street, and for paving Larned street from the east curb of Bates street to the centre of Randolph street, in the city of Detroit. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, Sept. 26, 1854.

Accepted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I hereby present to your honorable body Assessment Rolls for paving Wayne and Cass sts. from the southern curb of Jefferson Avenue to the northern curb of Woodbridge street. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, Oct. 3, 1854.

Adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I hereby report to your honorable body an Assessment Roll for defraying the expenses of repairing a private drain in Hastings street, between the Pontiac Railroad and the river; also an Assessment Roll for constructing a private box sewer from the Jones street sewer through Fifth street and the alley north of the Chicago road, on the east side of Fifth street. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, Oct. 3, 1854.

Accepted.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned has reported to the Committee on Sewers the way the Jones street sewer was built, and hopes that your honorable body will excuse him from assessing the damages, as two of the Committee on Sewers are practical masons, and thinks they can better judge the damage the city has sustained than he can; for which your petitioner will ever pray.

JOHN M. DAVIS, Sup't of Sewers.

Accepted.

DETROIT, September 25, 1854.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The Commission to establish and review grades herewith report for confirmation the grade of Grand River street from the westerly curb of Woodward Avenue to the west city line

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB HUGHTON, Sec'y.

Accepted and adopted.

From the City Marshal: That the assessment roll for defraying the expenses of constructing a private drain in the alley north of Monroe Avenue, between Farrar and Farmer streets, was incorrect. Referred to Surveyor, with instructions to correct the same.

From the Alderman of the First Ward: Official bonds of David Stewart, Collector, for \$20,000, with John Hanna and A. Ives as sureties, as approved by them. Accepted, approved, and bonds ordered filed.

From the City Marshal: Names of persons serving on the night watch, and account of time of each. Report accepted.

Ald. Craig offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Auditor be instructed to pay the special night police two dollars for each day or night while on duty during the State Fair.

A statement was presented of persons serving on special police upon the Fair grounds, and on motion of Ald. Hull, referred to the Mayor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of the Recorder, an ordinance "to amend section 12 of chapter 21 of Revised Ordinances of 1848, relative to grave yards," was taken from the table, read the second time and passed.

By Ald. Barclay,

Whereas, it appears by affidavit on file that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property on the east and west sides of First street, from Michigan Avenue to Fort street, and to all other persons interested, that the Common Council would, on the 2d day of September next, meet and review the reports or assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 22d day of August, 1854, to defray the expense of constructing plank side walks in front of said premises; and

Whereas, no person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment, or the confirmation thereof; therefore,

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are ready, approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and names of persons contained therein, are received as correct; that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be correct ones which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same according to law. Adopted.

By Ald. Martin,

Resolved, That the matter in relation to the Jones street sewer, as reported by the Superintendent of Sewers, be referred to a special committee.

The resolution was adopted, reconsidered, and referred to Committee on Sewers.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.
Detroit, September 6th, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:
To Richard Hawley, Robert Stuart (heirs of), Samuel Stocking, Patrick Tregent, Emely Campau, (Alexander Campau, Agent, Unknown, David Smart, Anthony Dudgeon, Sarah Hawley, E. P. Johnesse, Eben N. Wilcox, Shubael Conant, George F. Porter, J. Barnabas Campau, John McGuire, Ezekiel McDonald, VanDyke and Lyell, Alter E. Mather, Henry B. Brevoort, and to the owners or occupants of property on Poline alley, from the east curb of Bates street to the west curb of Randolph street, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 19th day of September, A. D. 1854, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room, in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

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RICHARD STARKY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Oct. 10, 1854.

Council met and was called to order by the Recorder, Hon. Wm. A. Cook.

Present—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finchart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Russell Marvin, for immediate removal of surplus earth in Rivard street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of John Stober, for removal of surplus earth from a sewer on Rivard street, between Woodbridge and Franklin, and for the abatement of a nuisance. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Theo. P. Robinson, for cross walk across Columbia street, on the east side of Brush street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Wm. Martin and others, for plank side walks and cross walks on the north side of George street, from Park to Clifford street; across George street, on the west side of Park st.; across George street, on the east side of Clifford; and for repair of side walk between George and Montcalm streets, on the west side of Park street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

Detroit Gas Light Company, for putting up 15 street lamps, and for removing and resetting street lamps, labor and fixtures, \$186 87; P. McGinnis, assistant Marshal, salary to October 10, \$156 00; Palmer & Whipple, stationery, \$29 46; Black River Steam Mill Company, 500 feet lumber for City Pound, \$5 00; J. Pinehart, distributing lime, and teams, \$25 00; Francis L'Esperance, 6 bbls. lime, \$5 25; John Kendall and T. Dougherty, watching fire Sept. 19, \$4 00; F. Wilkinson, night fire watch, to Oct. 13, \$43 50; Detroit City Gas Light Company, lighting City Hall, from July 1st to Sept. 30, 1854, \$15 65; do, lighting street lamps, &c., \$1,038 00; L. B. Willard, expended for 400 paupers, in Sept., \$162 40; do, for relief of 350 paupers, in August, \$132 25; Samuel French, extra paving, \$107 96; Thos. H. Kinkad, labor, &c., on streets, \$17 56; Wm. Gilbert and others, labor and materials, abating nuisances, \$20 00; Geo. Moore and others, labor, &c., abating nuisances, \$45 00; F. Wilkinson, ringing fire alarms, \$7 00; Geo. M. Lane, salary, \$45 00; H. Gray, keeping and boarding city prisoners, \$63 36. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned committee, appointed to report on the petition of a number of property holders and occupants on St. Antoine street for the opening of said street through the old cemetery, respectfully report that we have given the subject a careful examination. St. Antoine street has become an important thoroughfare—full of citizens and business. It leads from the River to the Gratiot road, and far beyond it—and is only stopped and impeded by the old cemetery, which breaks its continuous course, and is a serious impediment and inconvenience to travel and business. The old cemetery has ceased to be used as a place of interment, and is no longer appropriate for such purpose. We have no doubt but that the street should be opened through it. Public convenience and improvement alike require it.

Mr. V. n Dyke, who claims the reversionary interest to the farm, has given a writing that the opening of the street shall not affect any rights the city may have to the residue.

The petitioners agree that the bodies shall not be taken up until cold weather; that the removal be done under the supervision of the Common Council and to its satisfaction; and that the bodies shall, in suitable lots in other cemeteries, at the expense of the petitioners, be reinterred, and in a decent and proper manner, in grave yards respectively Protestant and Catholic, according to the grounds from which they are taken. They also agree to put up the fences again and to bear the expenses.

We present a bond satisfactory to your Committee, indemnifying the city against costs and damages.

Under these facts and circumstances, we report in favor of the prayer of the petitioners, and present the following resolution for the action of the Council:

Resolved, That public convenience, advantage and improvement require that St. Antoine street, in the city of Detroit, should be opened, laid out, established and made through the old cemetery, so called, from the point and line where it now ends on the southerly line of said old cemetery, so called, near Clinton street to the northerly line of said old cemetery grounds, near the Fort Gratiot road; that the said street be so opened, laid out, and established of the same width as it elsewhere is, viz: fifty feet wide; and that its course and lines be to run through said old cemetery grounds so as to cause said street to run continuously and meet unbreaking with its respective terminations near Clinton street and the Gratiot road, as aforesaid; that a jury be drawn for the purpose, pursuant to the requirements of the city charter, on Monday, the twenty-third day of October, A. D. 1854, at 9 o'clock A. M., and that the Clerk give notice of the time, place and object of drawing such jury to all persons whose property may be injuriously affected by the proposed measure, and that such notice consist of a publication in the official paper of the city for ten successive days previous to the drawing of such jury. Respectfully submitted.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

WM. A. COOK, Recorder.

W. W. WILCOX,

H. H. LEROY,

WM. BARCLAY.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The committee to whom was referred the petitions of Daniel J. Campau, Jonathan Kearsley, J. C. Gorton, and others, complaining of unjust and excessive, and in some instances fraudulent assessments on the general assessment roll for the present year, and praying that the Common Council will order that the taxes paid into the city treasury, in pursuance of such assessments, be refunded, or grant such other and further relief as is proper and within the scope of the powers and authority of the Council, beg leave to report: That they have given the subject matter of said petitions much and careful consideration; that they are fully satisfied of the justice of the complaints made by most, if not all, of the petitioners referred to; and that the petitioners ought, in some way, to be relieved from the unjust burthens imposed upon them. Entertaining these views, and recognizing among the names of the petitioners in question those of several of our best citizens and heaviest tax-payers, the committee regret exceedingly that they are compelled to report, contrary to views at first entertained by themselves upon this subject, that in their opinion the Common Council, under the charter of the city, and the laws amendatory

thereto, possesses no power or authority to grant to the petitioners the relief which they ought in justice to receive.

In a series of reports which have been adopted and acted upon by the Common Council during the past two years the Council has held that it possesses no power to alter or correct the assessment rolls. The view thus entertained by the Council upon this subject has been based upon the fact that the assessment rolls are made out by a body of men entirely independent of the Common Council, who act by virtue of laws of the State, and from whose action or decision there is no appeal; and also upon the further fact that the rolls made out by the body referred to are the basis, not only of the city taxes, but also of the school, county, and State taxes. Such being the case, the Board of Education, together with the State and county authorities are alike interested with the city authorities, in those assessment rolls; and if the city authorities, without express power given them for that purpose, may in any manner interfere with those rolls, with equal propriety may the Board of Education, or the authorities of the county or the State, interfere with them. And if either, or all of the bodies referred to may interfere by reducing an assessment, with the same propriety may either or all interfere by adding to an assessment. The consequences likely to result from the exercise of such power by so many different bodies of men, each actuated and impelled by distinct and oftentimes diverse interests, can readily be foreseen. The annual assessment rolls, intended by law as a fixed and reliable basis for taxation, would become the mere play things of a number of distinct bodies of men, each composed of many individuals, to be moulded and modified as each in their judgment might think best—one body being interested in adding to the rolls, another in deducting from them.—Far better, most certainly, to leave the entire control of the annual assessments with one distinct body of men, elected for the express purpose of making such assessments, living in the immediate neighborhood of the persons and property to be assessed, who are duly sworn for the faithful discharge of their duties, and who are liable to proper actions for any gross malfeasance in the performance of those duties. Better that the assessments be made by such a body of men, even though they may occasionally err and sometimes do wrong, than that the result should follow to which allusion has been made.

But it is urged, if the Council cannot alter the assessment rolls, it certainly possesses the power to order that moneys paid into the city treasury in pursuance of assessments wrongfully made, be refunded to the persons who have paid the same, or may instruct the proper collectors to refrain from the collection of the taxes based upon unjust or excessive assessment. There seems to be force in this suggestion, and the committee, at first, were disposed to give it their assent. But whence does the Council derive the power to do either of these acts? No express power is given to it for such purposes, and it is necessary that the city corporation should possess such power in order to enable it to carry out the objects of its corporation. No rule of law is better settled than that a corporation, whether it be a municipal or any other corporation, can only exercise such powers as are expressly delegated to it, or such incidental powers as are necessary to carry out the objects of the corporation. No express power is to be found in any part of the city charter, or in any law amendatory thereto, authorizing the City Council to refund taxes re-

ceived into its treasury, or to instruct the collectors of taxes to refrain from their collection in any case. In what respect is it essential to the due execution of the general powers given to the city incorporation that it should exercise the particular power claimed? Is it upon the ground that one of the primary objects of the city organization is the good government and protection of its citizens, and that it must, therefore, do any and all things necessary to protect its citizens from the impositions of others, or of each other? If so, then our courts of law and our courts of equity may as well be dispensed with without further delay. They are but a useless expense to the people, an unnecessary appendage to the government. Now, the claim upon the city government to refund taxes paid in pursuance of unjust assessments, is based upon the proposition that citizens have been imposed upon by their own duly elected assessors, and the city government, together with certain other bodies, having realized the benefit of that imposition, must grant to the citizens the necessary relief.—In other words, the city government must resolve itself into a court of equity, receive the necessary evidence to establish a case of fraud or mistake, (matters peculiarly cognizable in courts of equity,) and being satisfied from evidence presented to it that the case is fairly made out—do what? why, render judgment, or pass a decree against itself, and instruct its executive or disbursing officers to pay up such judgment or decree. Surely this is the necessary result of the proposition referred to; and when duly considered, your committee are fully persuaded the proposition will not be seriously urged.

The only ground upon which the Council could direct the refunding of particular taxes, is that the assessment upon which the taxes have been paid is unjust, or invalid. In order to enable the Council to act intelligently in such cases, it must go back of the assessment rolls, and take proof, *alimde*, in support of each case that may be presented for its consideration, and then decide upon each case, upon the evidence relating thereto. What is all this but resolving the Council into a court of review over the Board of Assessors? And whence does the Council derive its power to exercise such prerogatives? Is it asked wherein would the exercise of such power by the Council differ from its weekly practice in regard to the allowance of other and ordinary claims? Is not the Council in the weekly habit of receiving evidence in support, and deciding upon the validity, of claims for services rendered, and disbursements made, for and on account of the city, and of damages sustained by individuals in consequence of the acts or omissions of the officers of the city? The reply is obvious. In passing upon all such claims, the Council is but exercising a power essential to the due execution of the general purposes for which the incorporation was established. In order to accomplish these purposes, expenses must necessarily be incurred, officers must be employed; those expenses must be paid, and for the acts of these officers the Corporation must respond, else the entire machinery of the city government must come to a stand, and the purposes for which the corporation was established must fail of accomplishment. But in what sense may a claim for the refunding or remission of taxes be said to be one of the necessary expenses of the city government?—or how can it be construed into a claim for damages sustained by individuals in consequence of the acts or omissions of officers of the city? Again, in passing upon the ordinary

claims referred to, the Council reviews the decision of no other tribunal whose appropriate business it is to decide in regard to them; it in no sense acts as a court of review. In regard to the claims for the remission or refunding of taxes, the Council, in deciding upon them, would most certainly place itself in the position of a court of review over the acts and decisions of the Board of Assessors. The claims are predicated upon the ground that the assessors have done wrong, and before passing on the claims the Council must examine into the matter, and come to the conclusion that the wrong has actually been done—that the assessors have made mistakes or been guilty of fraud; and then redress the wrong by refunding or remitting the taxes aid or chargeable on account of the action of the assessors. What is all this but reviewing the Acts of the Board of Assessors? Where does the Common Council of Detroit derive its power to exercise such review? If it may do this in one case, it may do it in all cases. And if the Common Council may exercise such power, without express authority given it for the purpose, so may the Board of Education and the authorities of the State and the county; and thus may the Board of Assessors be as effectually over ridden by the several bodies referred to, as though each in turn should take the assessment rolls themselves under examination, and mould and modify them to suit the peculiar notions and views of each. And in this manner would that, which all are agreed cannot be done, be as effectually accomplished, as though the direct act referred to (altering the assessment roll) was actually performed.

Again, certain portions of the taxes received into the treasury of the city are raised by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the State, passed March 21, 1851, for the purpose of paying interest upon the public debt, and to provide a sinking fund for the ultimate liquidation of that debt. The law authorizing the collection of these taxes says the moneys raised for those purposes shall be appropriated "to no other purpose whatever;" and the same act further provides that "all sums that can be saved from the general tax and from all other sources of revenue" of the city, shall go towards the sinking fund, "and be applied exclusively to the payment of the funded debt of the city." Under these provisions of the law referred to, and looking upon the claims in question as constituting no part of the expenses of the city government, and not claims for damages sustained by individuals in consequence of the acts or omissions of its officers, but only as equitable claims for relief on account of the mistakes or fraud of officers over whom the Council had no control, and believing that in acting on such claims the Council will place itself in the position of a court of review, the committee are of opinion that the Council possesses no power to grant the relief asked for by the petitioners in question. Nevertheless, being fully persuaded, as intimated in the outset of this report, that the petitioners ought to be relieved from the consequences of the assessment mentioned in their several petitions, and entertaining no doubt that the Legislature, upon the matter being brought to its notice, will promptly give to the Council the power necessary to enable it to grant such relief, the committee recommend that a special committee be appointed by the Council to prepare an act to be presented to the Legislature at the next session, for passage, giving to the Common Council express power to institute an examination into the matter of the assessments

referred to in the several petitions presented to the Council, charging fraud or mistake in such assessments, and to grant such relief in the premises as to the Council may seem right.

The committee herewith report back to the Council the several petitions referred to them, and beg to be discharged from further consideration of their subject matter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. A. COOK, Recorder,
J. KNOX GAVIN, City Att'y,
STEPHEN MARTIN,
FRANCIS MAYHEW,
W. H. CRAIG,

Detroit, Oct. 10, 1854. Com. on Taxes.

Report accepted and ordered printed.

Report from City Attorney relative to alley in rear of Bethel Church, laid on table.

From City Clerk, bond of Adam Orth, Collector of Fourth Ward, accepted, and ordered to be filed.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I hereby submit assessment rolls for paving the following streets, viz:

For paving Larned street, from the centre of Randolph street to the centre of Brush street, and for paving Randolph street, from the north curb of Jefferson avenue to the south curb of Larned street.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, Oct. 10.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Fire Department and Chief Engineer, relative to location of reservoirs to be built this year:

The undersigned would report the following locations:

- 1 Corner of Congress and Bates street.
- 2 " Grand River and Cass street.
- 3 " Washington avenue and John R st.
- 4 " Madison avenue and Randolph st.
- 5 " Beaubien and Croghan st.
- 6 " Croghan and Hastings st.
- 7 " Congress and Russell st.
- 8 " Rivard st. and Jefferson avenue.
- 9 " Congress and St. Antoine st.
- 10 " Congress and Shelby st.
- 11 " High and John R st.
- 12 " Cass st. and Jefferson avenue.

We would also recommend that said reservoirs be 8 feet deep by 12 feet diameter, to be built of wood similar to those put down in 1849, with the exception that there shall be three openings in the top instead of one; and that the City Auditor advertise for proposals for constructing the same, and the bids to be submitted to the Council for approval: all of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PATTON,
H. H. LEROY,
E. A. LANSING,
WM. DUNCAN,
Chief Engineer. } Committee
on Fire
Department.

Accepted and adopted.

From Committee on Sewers, in favor of accepting resignation of John M. Davis, and requiring him to report relative to all sewers that are or have been under his control. Adopted.

From same committee, that the City Auditor draw his warrant in favor of Mr. Quinlan, for the Jones street sewer, deducting \$30 for non-fulfillment of contract. Adopted.

From same committee; in favor of sewer in alley between Henry and Sibley streets, and directing the City Marshal to serve the necessary notices. Accepted and adopted.

From same committee, relative to petition of Chas. Jackson, to be paid the full amount as the work progressed, for the construction of the St.

Antoine street sewer, recommending that the prayer of petitioner be granted.

Report accepted.

A motion to adopt report was lost, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Ingersoll and Martin—2.

Nays—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Mayhew and Wilcox—13.

Report of Chief of Police at Fair grounds.

Referred to Mayor.

From Committee on Ways and Means, relative to account of Thos. Hurst, recommending that the same be referred back to Street Commissioner. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be instructed to deliver to the collectors of the several roads, forthwith, the tax rolls for collection of the unpaid city taxes for the present year, said collectors' fees to be four per cent, and to be added to the amount of tax collected, and the warrants for collection of said taxes to be made returnable on the 1st of December, A. D. 1854.

Adopted.

By Ald. Lyon,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to cause Rivard street, below Woodbridge street, to be put in order, and that the surplus earth be removed forthwith. Adopted.

By Ald. Collins,

Resolved, That a cross walk be constructed across the alley on the west side of Second street, between Larned and Woodbridge streets, forthwith. Adopted.

By Ald. Doyle,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the pool on the south side of Congress street sewer, between Rivard and Russell streets, to be repaired forthwith, and charge the same to the sewer fund. Adopted.

By Ald. Ingersoll,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to cause to be repaired the public sewer on Hastings street, near Congress street. Adopted.

By Ald. Finehart,

Resolved, That two days' services be added for services rendered by Edward Tebo and Mr. Rodgers, as day watch, not reported by officers.

Referred to Mayor.

By Ald. Finehart,

Resolved, That the upper part of the City Hall Market, or the stalls now vacant, be rented by the Committee on Markets at the best price they can obtain. Referred to Committee on Markets.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the Auditor be and is hereby requested to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of J. H. Bagg for \$54, allowed him for services, the same being specially collected for that purpose. Adopted.

By Ald. Collins,

Resolved, That the City Attorney report to this Council, at his earliest convenience, as to the title of the city to the slip at the foot of Cass street, adjoining the property of Messrs. Moore & Foote, in order to ascertain whether the city can sell or otherwise dispose of the same.

Adopted.

By Ald. Ingersoll,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be requested to no if Mr. Jackson of the action of this Council on his petition, and that he be authorized to contract with him on the same condition as the other contracts, allowing him the sum of six hundred dollars for his materials, by his giving the necessary security. Adopted.

By Ald. Lansing,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be directed to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer for the purpose of paying the amount due to workmen for constructing a lateral sewer in alley between Monroe Avenue and State street, between Faran and Farmer streets, to the amount of \$199 60-100. Adopted.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to make an assessment, and construct a side-walk with crossings on streets, six feet in width, from Brush to Catharine street, south of Gratiot street, Sixth Ward, in accordance with an ordinance made and provided. Adopted.

Ald. Barclay moved that the action of the Council in regard to the report of the City Attorney, &c., relative to old cemetery, be reconsidered. Carried.

The Council ordered the Clerk to publish report in four of the daily papers.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

Pay Taxes and Save Per Centage

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

DETROIT, September 11, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE ASSESSMENT rolls to defray the expense of constructing plank side-walks on the south side of Congress street, in front of lot number eighty-three, Lambert Beaubien farm;

On the east side of Farmer street from John R. street to Grand River street;

On the south side of Macomb street from Russell to Riopelle street;

On the west side of Third street from Porter to Michigan Avenue;

On the north side of Orchard street from Second to Third street;

On the north side of Sibley street from Woodward Avenue to Park street;

On the south side of Adams Avenue from Brush to Beaubien street;

On the north side of Maple street, in front of lots 166, 167, and 168 on Rivard farm;

On the south side of John R. street from Miami Avenue to Madison Avenue;

On the north side of Farmer street from Monroe Avenue to State street;

On the north side of Mullet street from Rivard to Russell street;

On the north side of Mullet street from Hastings to Rivard street;

On the south side of Abbott street from Fifth to Seventh street;

On the north side of Abbott street from Fifth to Sixth street;

On the north side of Mullet street from Riopelle to Orleans street;

On the south side of Abbott street from Sixth to Seventh street;

On the north side of Jones street from Third to Fifth street;

On the west side of Randolph street from Jefferson Avenue to an alley on the north side of Jefferson Avenue;

On the west side of Second street, from Fort street to Jefferson Avenue, have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom those interested may make payment until the fourth day of October, A. D. 1854, after which they will be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and five per cent added for collection.

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RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

DETROIT, September 6th, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:

To John Long, John Hann, Charles J. Tromble, Lewis Cass, Robert Lable, (estate of), Henry Wendell, James Mapleback, Thomas F. Abbott, John Woods, James Farrell, E. S. Leadbeater, Silas A. Bagg, Sylvester Larned, Michael O'Keefe, Charles Kilday, Moore & Foote, Thomas C. Harvey, Dennis Mullane, and the owners and occupants of property, from the centre of Second street to the line of the sidewalk on the east side of said street, on Woodbridge street, and on Woodbridge street, from the eastern curb of Third street to the centre of Second street in said city, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of taking up and relaying pavement in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 19th day of September, A. D. 1854, when you may appear before the Common Council, at the Common Council room in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

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sept-1854 RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

TUESDAY, Oct. 17, 1854.

Council was called to order by His Honor the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present, the Recorder and Allermen Barclay, Collins, Craig Doyle, Duncan, Finchart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Thos. Hanks, supervisor of the 5th Ward, for additional pay as supervisor of said ward.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Adam Schroetzer and others, for side walk on both sides of Mullett street, between Hastings and Orleans streets, and that all obstructions be removed.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of A. S. Williams and others, for the re-laying of side walk on the north side of Croghan street, between Randolph (at the head of Monroe Avenue) and the alley east.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Benj. Sparling, claim for reward for arresting the persons for desecrating the Scotch church. Referred to Committee on Claims.

Communication of John Riley and Patrick McGinnis, Assistant Marshals, tendering their resignations, to take effect on next Tuesday.

Ald. Leroy offered the following:

Resolved, That the resignation of Patrick McGinnis and John Riley, Assistant Marshals, be accepted, and that the thanks of this Council be tendered to said Marshals for the able and efficient manner in which they have discharged their official duties.

Adopted.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

James Smith, for 1006½ feet of fire engine hose, \$855.83; Detroit Free Press, advertising and printing, \$282.52; J. Waggoner, 3 months' rent of lot for city pound, \$18.00; Peter Lade root and others, for labor on streets, &c., \$182.26; Thomas Hanks, for labor of self and men on streets in the 5th Ward, \$31.61; B. B. & W. R. Noyes, sundry articles furnished fire department, \$21.24; Hospital, care of sick poor in September, \$122.47; George M. Lane, 8 days' salary as Assistant Surveyor, \$12.00; P. J. Price, 20 tons coal, \$105.00; R. Starkey, paid for stationery, \$10.00; W. McCoy, cleaning out grates on Campus Martius, 50 cts.; pay roll, salaries of officers, \$650.00.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the City Auditor, a claim of Francis X. Cicott for one third of the reward offered for the arrest and conviction of the persons who desecrated the Scotch Presbyterian church.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

From the Auditor, reporting back the account of Burt & Bailey for a leveling instrument for City Surveyor, for \$130.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Messrs. Young & Son, praying that they may be relieved from paying the percentage due the City Marshal upon the amount of a certain paying assessment in his hands for collection, for the reason, as is alleged in said petition, that said petitioners had, long prior to said assessments becoming due, a counter account against the city,—would respectfully report that he has given said petition due consideration, and from the facts he has been able to ascertain in regard to the matter, he is of the opinion that

the relief asked for should not be granted for the following reasons:

1st. The claim which the petitioners had was to be paid to them as soon as the amount could be collected of the property holders by assessments.

2d. The city did not assume to pay the claim of said petitioners till some time after the assessments were delivered to the Marshal for collection.

3d. The money collected upon paying assessments belonged, by right, to the contractor for paving the streets, and could not be diverted to any other purpose.

4th. Upon my entering upon the duties of my office, my predecessor called my attention to an account presented by said petitioners for 60 cast iron gutter covers, amounting to \$496 80, and upon which there was the following endorsement: "The City Surveyor has made assessments on the property benefited, for this account, and when they are collected the account should be paid," stating, at the same time, that that was the understanding or agreement on the part of the Committee on Streets with the said petitioners. Other reasons might be given, but, believing the foregoing sufficient, I would respectfully ask to be discharged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

In obedience to a resolution of your Hon. body, I herewith present a list of all the side and cross walks ordered and not built, the date of which I can find any record;

Side walk on the east side of Third street, from Jones street to Grand River street, part built;

On the north side of Atwater street, from Beaubien street to east line city;

On the south side of Lafayette street, from Beaubien to St. Antoine street;

On the east side of Fifth street, from Congress street to Michigan Avenue;

On the south side of Congress, in front of lot 83, Lambert Beaubien farm, 8 feet wide;

On the east side of First street, from Michigan Avenue to Fort street;

On the west side of First street, from Michigan Avenue to Fort street;

On the south side of Lafayette street, from Fifth to First street;

On the north side of Henry street, from Woodward Avenue to Clifford street;

On the west side of Beaubien street, from Gratiot to Harriet street;

On the north side of Lafayette street, from Beaubien to St. Antoine street;

On the west side of Beaubien street, from Adams Avenue to High street;

On the north side of Woodbridge street, from Griswold to Cass;

On the south side of Labross street, from Michigan Avenue to Eighth street;

On the south side of High street, from Rivard to Hastings street;

On the east side of Beaubien street, from Gratiot to Adams Avenue;

On the north side of High street, from Rivard to Hastings street;

On the south side of Woodbridge street, in front of lots 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41, Berthelet's sub., in sec. 4, Gov. and Judges' plan;

On the east side of Farmer street, from John R. street to Grand River street;

On the north side of Jones street, from Third to Fifth street;

On the north side of Abbott street, from Fifth to Seventh street;

On the north side of Mullett street, from Rivard to Russell street;

On the north side of Mullett street, from Rivard to Hastings street;

On the south side of Abbott street, from Sixth to Seventh street;

On the south side of Abbott street, from Fifth to Seventh street;

On the west side of Third street, from Porter street to Michigan Avenue;

On the north side of Farmer street, from Monroe Avenue to State street;

On the south side of Adams Avenue, from Brush to Beaubien street;

On the north side of Orchard street, from Second to Third street;

On the north side of Maple street, in front of lots 166, 167, and 168, Rivard farm;

On the west side of Randolph street, from Jefferson Avenue to alley north of Jefferson Avenue;

On the south side of Macomb street, from Russell to Riopelle;

On the west side of Second street, from Fort street to Jefferson Avenue;

On the north side of Sibley street, from Woodward Avenue to Park street;

On the north side of Mullett street, from Russell to Orleans street;

On the south side of Montcalm street, in front of lot 2, west Woodward Avenue, Lothrop's subdivision of out lots.

Assessments have been made and confirmed for all of the above walks.

The walks which your Hon. body has ordered, and for which the assessments are not yet made, are on the north side of Croghan street, from Monroe Avenue to east line of city;

On the west side of Second street, from Fort street to Jefferson Avenue;

On the north side of Lewis street, from Second to Third street;

On the west side of Park street, from George street to Sibley street, with cross walks on all intervening streets and alleys;

On the south side of Sibley street, from Woodward Avenue to Park street;

On the south side of Farmer street, from Randolph to Bates street.

Cross walks ordered and not yet built, nor assessment made, are

Across Randolph, south Michigan Avenue;

Across Farmer, " "

Across Farrar, " "

All of these walks can be built very soon if your Hon. body would establish some certain way by which payment could be obtained for such portions of said walks as may remain for the city to build. It is almost impossible to find a man that will furnish labor and materials, for he cannot make any certain calculation when he is to have his pay. Some walks which have been built five years ago by Mr. Kendall, he tells me are not paid for yet.

Respectfully, &c.,

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Oct. 19th, 1854.

Accepted and referred to Special Committee, consisting of Aldermen Wilcox, Barclay and Lansing.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of S. P. Brady and others, relative to the condition of the side walk on the west side of Woodward Avenue, between Woodbridge and Atwater streets, respectfully begs leave to report

in favor of causing same to be relayed according to the established grade as soon as possible.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Accepted and adopted.

The undersigned also begs leave to report that he can find no record of there having been a cross walk ordered across Columbia street as stated in the petition of Theodore P. Robinson, but would respectfully recommend that your Honorable body order a cross walk six feet wide to be built across said Columbia street, as asked by the said petitioner.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Accepted and adopted.

I respectfully beg leave to report in favor of a new side walk six feet wide on the west side of Park street; from George street to connect with the walk your Hon. body has already ordered on north side of Sibley street, and cross walks on all the intervening streets and alleys as asked for by the petitioners.

JOHN KING,

Accepted and adopted. Street Commissioner.

I also respectfully beg leave to report in favor of having a new walk on the south side of Sibley street as asked for by the petitioners; and that a new side walk be ordered on the south side of Farmer street, from Bates to Randolph street, where the same is required; said walks to be six feet wide.

JOHN KING,

Accepted and adopted. Street Commissioner.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned respectfully begs leave to report to your Hon. body that he has, since the 29th of last July, granted permission to Charles Lotes to connect a drain from lot 1, north of Catharine street, Charles Moran farm, with the public sewer on Hastings street—to Felix Van Damme, to connect a drain from lot one, Crane & Wesson's subdivision of out lot 171, Lambert Beaubien farm—to S. J. Newhall to connect a drain from lot 7, block 17, Labross farm, with the public sewer on Sixth street—to John Gibson to connect a drain from lot 5, block 14, Labross farm, with the public sewer on Sixth street—to William Long to connect a drain from lot 29, sec. 7, Gov. and Judges' plan, with the public sewer on Woodward Avenue—to Edward Shull to connect a drain from lot 8, block 24, Labross farm, with the public sewer on Seventh street—to Daniel Donovan to connect a drain from lot 7, block 54, Labross farm, with the public sewer on Seventh street; all of said connections to be made under the supervision of City Surveyor.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Oct. 17th, 1854. Accepted and adopted.

To the Honorable Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Russell Marvin and others, relative to the situation of Rivard street, where the sewer is now building, begs leave to report—that he has notified the contractor to put said street in repair forthwith, and he is now working to accomplish said object. I have been advised to adopt this course by the Aldermen of the 7th Ward and the City Auditor, the resolution of your honorable body having made no provision, nor stating in what manner said work should be paid for when done.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Accepted and adopted.

By Aid. Fischer,

Resolved, That the City Marshal is hereby directed to notify the contractor for building Rivard street sewer, to put said Rivard street, below Woodbridge street, in as good condition as it was before, and to remove the surplus earth according to his contract; and if said contractor shall not comply with this within three

days from to-day, then the Street Commissioner is hereby instructed to have said Rivard street put in good order, and the surplus earth removed, under the direction of the Aldermen of the 4th and 7th Wards, and the cost of said work is to be charged to the contractor of the Rivard street sewer, and deducted from his pay. Adopted.

On motion of Ald. Fischer, the resolution of Ald. Lyon, relative to the matter, adopted at the last session of the Council, was rescinded.

From Ald. Craig, in favor of allowing claim of James Donnelly and John Donovan, for services for night watch, Sept. 23d.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

From the Committee on Sewers, in favor of granting prayer of petition for box-drain in alley on the west side of Fourth street, thence north to Jones street, and thence west to connect with Jones street sewer.

Accepted and adopted.

From the same Committee, adverse to the prayer of Conrad Gies for damages occasioned by overflow of private drain into cellar of petitioner. Accepted and adopted.

From the Mayor, list of special police upon the Fair grounds entitled to pay. Adopted.

The Mayor announced as the standing committee upon public buildings—Aldermen Leroy, Lansing and Finehart.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Barclay,

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to take into consideration whether any amendment is necessary to our city charter, and report to this Council as soon as convenient.

The Mayor appointed as such committee—Alderman Barclay, the Recorder, and Alderman Lansing.

By the Recorder,

Resolved, That it is expedient that a special city election be held to fill the vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace, caused by the resignation of B. Rush Bagg, Esq., and that such special election be, and the same is hereby, ordered to be held on the seventh day of November next, and that the places of holding the election in the several wards of the city be the same as the places designated for holding the general election, on that day; the term of office for which such Justice of the Peace shall be elected to expire on the 3d day of July, A. D. 1856. Adopted.

By Ald. Fischer,

Whereas, The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred a resolution offered on the 5th of September last by me, relative to the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company, have not reported up to this date; therefore,

Resolved, That a special Committee of five be appointed by his Honor, the Mayor, to examine the dangerous condition of Dequindre street, and to report at the next session of this Council, and also to report on the above mentioned resolution offered on the 5th of September last, relative to the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company. Adopted.

The Mayor appointed as such Committee—Ald. Leroy, Barclay, Ingersoll, Craig and Duncan.

By Ald. Collins,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be requested to make, or cause to be made, a side walk 6 feet wide, on the east side of Second st. from Woodbridge to Fort street, forthwith. Referred to Street Commissioner.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner con-

struct, or cause to be constructed, a six foot cross walk on the west side of Riopelle street, across Larned. Referred to Street Commissioner.

By Ald. Doyle,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an assessment for a side walk on the south side of Congress street, between Congress and Dequindre streets. Adopted.

By Ald. Doyle,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause to be constructed a cross walk on the north and south sides of High street, across Rivard street; to be six feet wide. Referred to Ald. Doyle.

By Ald. Collins,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be, and is hereby instructed, to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Hurst for the amount of account rendered and audited by the City Auditor, on the 5th September last; and that the same be charged to Road District No. one. Adopted.

By Ald. Doyle,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an assessment for a six foot side walk on the west side of Riopelle street, between Congress and Jefferson avenue. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to inquire into the expediency of establishing a City Work House; and if satisfied of such expediency, to prepare and report to the Council a memorial for the signatures of the members of this Council, asking the Legislature of the State to pass an act authorising the Common Council to establish such Work House, and to raise, by tax, the funds necessary for such purpose. Adopted.

The Mayor appointed as such Committee, Ald. Craig, Barclay and Leroy.

Resolved, That the communication received by the Mayor from the Sheriff of Monroe be referred to Committee on Claims. Adopted.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the General Election, to be held in the City of Detroit, on Tuesday, the 7th of November next, be held at the following places respectively in each Ward:

- 1st Ward, Commercial Hotel;
- 2d " City Hall;
- 3d " Engine House No. 3;
- 4th " " " No. 6;
- 5th " Grand River House;
- 6th " Wm. Paton's, Gratiot Road;
- 7th " Engine House No. 7;
- 8th " Wm. Healey's. Adopted.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to report to this Council, at their next regular session, all occupants leasing, or otherwise holding in possession, any part of triangular lot known as the Female Seminary lot, together with buildings thereon, said lot and part of buildings having been lately purchased from the State of Michigan, and now in possession of the City of Detroit. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

PAY ASSESSMENTS AND SAVE THE PER CENTAGE.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit September 13, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE AS-
essment rolls for planking Third street from the centre of Congress street to the centre of Michigan avenue, have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom those interested may make payment until the 16th day of October, A. D. 1854, after which they will be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and five per cent. for collection added. sept 14-54 RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

October 21, 1854.

Council met and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Ald. LANSING:

Whereas, This Council have heard with regret of the death of General JOHN R. WILLIAMS, which occurred at his residence in this city, yesterday;

And whereas, He was one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of the State of Michigan, born upon her soil, and identified with her early history;

And whereas, He was elected the first Mayor of the city of Detroit, and was subsequently elected to the same office for several terms; therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this Council deeply sympathize with the family and relatives of the deceased, in this, the hour of their affliction; and that, in token of their respect to his memory, they will, with all the officers of the Council, attend his funeral.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, instructed to send a copy of these proceedings to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Fire Department be invited to unite with the Council in attending the funeral.

By Ald. Finehart,

Resolved, That the merchants and business men of the city be requested to close their places of business during the procession.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, September 6th, 1854.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS.
I, Theodore Williams, Thomas Hawley, James Hammer, Richard Hawley, Mrs. Eliza Stuart, — Stockings, Patrick Tregent, James A. VanDyke, John R. Williams, Margaret Hanks, — Young, John Biddle, G. F. R. Wadleigh, John Patton, Michael Maritz, F. J. B. Crane, Erotus P. Hastings, Joseph Campau, Oliver Mathew, Charles O'Neil, John Schwenc, Mary A. Cicotte, Thomas Coquillard, George B. Ensworth, Antoine Beaubien (agent), James Shearer, Thomas Earley, John Drew, Miller & Wilcox, John Ladue, Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company, Charles Beaubien, John Weitzel, Charles Lappan, Charles J. Tromble, Leonard Richter, Genevieve Bonnard, Samuel Bentley, Peter Sevigan, William Burnell, Sarah Drury, Louis Kunzie, Alexander J. Frazer, David Smart, J. L. Whiting (agent), Edwin Townbridge, Bernard C. Whittemore, J. B. Vallee, Franklin Moore, James W. Tillman, John L. King, Charles J. Tromble (agent), Dennis Flattery, Antoine Beaubien, Henry Mooney, Patrick Griffin, Thomas Weston (estate of,) Peter Sevigner, and to the owners and occupants of property on Woodbridge street, to the centre of the blocks on each side of Bates street, on Woodbridge street, to the centre of the blocks on each side of Brush street, on Woodbridge street, to the centre of the blocks on each side of Beaubien street; on Woodbridge street to the centre of the blocks on each side of St. Antoine street; on Franklin street, to the centre of the block on each side of Beaubien street, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expense of cast-iron plates for culverts at the crossing of Bates and Woodbridge streets, across Woodbridge street, at the crossing of Brush street; across Woodbridge street at the crossing of Beaubien street; across Woodbridge street, at the crossing of St. Antoine street, and across Franklin street, at the crossing of Beaubien street; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 19th day of September, A. D. 1854, when you may appear before the Common Council, at the Common Council room of said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

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RICHARD STARKEY,
City Clerk.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DETROIT.
Desirous at all times to secure the safety of our city, I have thought it best to call a public meeting of my fellow-citizens, at the Firemen's Hall, at 3 o'clock, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of establishing a Volunteer Watch during the time our city will be destitute of water.

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O. M. HYDE, Mayor.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Oct. 24, 1854.

The Council was called to order by his Honor, the Mayor, Hon. Oliver M. Hyde.

Present—The Recorder and Aldermen Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Samuel French, relative to paving assessments and asking that the same may be collected more promptly. Referred to Recorder and City Attorney.

Of J. G. Erwin and others, for side walk at least six feet wide on the north side of Fort between Second and Third streets. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Richard Hawley, for permission to remove small kitchen and wood-shed on lot on the N. E. corner of First and Howard streets, so as to connect same with house. Referred to Fire Department.

Of Thos. C. Miller and others, that the paving in alley in rear of lots 59 and 60, west side of Bates street, may be taken up and raised so as to be of the same grade as Woodbridge street; the same to be done at the public expense. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of A. Chaffee, for grade on Monroe Avenue in front of lot 53, for side walks. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Robert C. Wright and others, asking that Bates street may be paved from Congress street to Michigan Avenue. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of John R. Budd, for correction of erroneous assessment for taxes. Referred to Committee on Taxes.

Of John King, for new side walks on both sides of Jefferson Avenue, between Woodward Avenue and Randolph street. Laid on table one week.

Of C. H. Dubach, for permission to build a drain from lot 75, Mullet farm, north side of Croghan street, between Rivard and Russell streets, into the drain of lot 74, which leads into main sewer on Croghan street. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of John Paye, claim for one night as watch upon Fair ground, and one night as watch during the State Fair, under direction of Marshal. Ordered paid.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him.

P. McGinnis, salary to Oct. 24, \$28 00; Black River Steam Mill Company, lumber and materials for fences in City Cemetery, \$2 93; Nickles, Whitcomb & Armstrong, freight on Engine hose, \$14 60; R. W. King & Co., repairs of gas pipe in City Hall, \$1 00; Dennis Duggan, labor of self and men on streets, \$46 50; Samuel French, extra paving, corner Woodbridge, St. Antoine, and Beaubien streets, \$8 50; do, extra grading and paving on sundry streets, \$323 75; Craig & Brother, lime, \$4 38. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the City Auditor, relative to accounts of Wm. McCoy, City Scavenger. Referred to Committee on Claims and Attorney.

From City Treasurer, evidences of indebtedness received into Treasury:

Interest Fund	-	-	-	\$6,266 35
Sinking Fund	-	-	-	6,612 31

Total - - - - - \$12,878 66

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the City Clerk, report and verdict of

jury drawn the 23d October to inquire whether the public convenience and advantage require the opening of St. Antoine street, through the old cemetery, and what damages (if any) the same will work to any person or persons interested; that the public convenience and advantage require the opening of said street in accordance with the resolution of the Council; and that no damage will accrue to any person thereby.

The report and verdict were adopted and confirmed, and ordered placed on file.
To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred a petition of A. S. Williams and others, to have a new side walk put down on the north side of Croghan street, between Randolph street and alley east of Randolph street, respectfully begs leave to report that your Hon. body has ordered a new side walk six feet wide on the north side of said Croghan street, for which I am now making an assessment, and when completed will include that portion asked for by petitioners.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Accepted and adopted.

I also respectfully beg leave to report in favor of a new side walk six feet wide on both sides of Mullet street, between Hastings and Orleans streets, with cross walks on all intervening streets and alleys.

JOHN KING,

Street Commissioner.

I respectfully beg leave to report in favor of ordering a new cross walk six feet wide across Wayne street, on the south side of Lafayette street.

JOHN KING,

Street Commissioner.

To the Hon. Common Council of City of Detroit:

The undersigned would report to your hon. body the progress of the sewers while under his supervision, the past summer.

THE RUSSELL STREET SEWER was commenced previous to a superintendent being appointed last spring; it is now nearly completed. There is one manhole N. side of High street, in gutter; one on S. side of Chesnut street, in gutter; one on N. side of Gratiot Road, in gutter; and the sewer is well built, the ground well levelled nearly as far as the sewer is built, and the prospect for its completion is good.

RIVARD STREET SEWER.—This sewer is now built about 60 feet N. of N. line of Woodbridge street; it is built 5 feet in diameter about 500 feet, and was then changed to 4 feet sewer, without my knowledge or consent. It has been built since about the first 330 feet, under the particular inspection of my assistant, who has devoted most of his time there. There are two sets of pools put in at Atwater street, and one manhole 19 feet N. of N. line of Woodbridge street.

FRANKLIN AND ORLEANS STREETS SEWER.—This sewer is built about 60 feet N. of Jefferson avenue; at the junction of Orleans and Franklin streets there are two sets of pools and one manhole. On Woodbridge street there is one pool and one manhole on N. side, in gutter. At Jefferson avenue there is one set of pools and one manhole on N. side the avenue. I consider the sewer to have been well built just before we had that violent storm, which injured one of the pools, which has not since been repaired; and there is dirt that wants distributing, and the avenue paving, and when it is all finished up, I think the sewer will be a good one.

PARK STREET SEWER commences 100 feet S. of S. side of Montcalm street, precisely 100 feet from commencement, is built with flat bottom, as a round sewer could not stand built in quicksand. The agreement between the contractors and myself was, that they should be paid for the

plank, as the sides being built 8 inches would take about the same number of brick as a round sewer. There is one manhole in the centre of Montcalm street, and one in the centre of Henry street; the pools are not yet built.

GRATIOT STREET SEWER is built and finished; at the connection of this sewer I had 150 bricks used extra, in order to make the connection doubly secure, as I had my doubts about its standing, for which I agreed the contractor should be paid extra.

There is one set of pools at Beaubien street, and a manhole on the E. side, in the gutter, and one pool at the alley west of the old cemetery; two sets of pools at St. Antoine street, and one manhole in the centre of the street; one pool on the N. side of Catherine street, and one set of pools at the termination of the sewer on the E. line of the Antoine Beaubien Farm, all of which I consider to be finished in a good and workmanlike manner.

BEAUBIEN STREET SEWER is within one block of its completion; there is about one-half of the pools put in, one manhole in the centre of Harriet street, and one in Adams avenue, and the dirt pretty well leveled as far as the sewer is built. It seems to be rapidly completing, and I think what is done is well done.

THE JONES STREET SEWER has been reported.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. DAVIS,
Late Supt of Sewers.

Detroit, Oct. 11, 1854.

Ald. Craig moved to refer to special committee; withdrawn; and on motion of Ald. Barclay, referred to Committee on Sewers.

Your committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Sister M. De Sales, Superior of the Hospital called St. Mary's Hospital, in the city of Detroit, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are informed that the lives and services of said petitioner, with her associates, are dedicated to objects of charity; and your committee believe and are informed that their charities are alike bestowed upon the unfortunate of every nation, clime, and religion, without distinction, while under their care; therefore they are entitled to the gratitude of your committee, and the gratitude of the good and virtuous generally.

Your committee are informed that a contract, expressed or implied, exists between the city and the petitioner, by which payment is received from the city for all paupers requiring their care, chargeable to the city, giving the transaction more the appearance of a commercial than a charitable transaction. If the amount received from the city be insufficient to defray the necessary expense of taking care of the city poor, the relief prayed for would be only temporary, not removing the necessity of like petitions at future periods.

Your committee are of opinion (if the amount from the city be insufficient to defray the expenses of taking care of the city poor) that the cause should be removed, not postponed, as asked for in the petition. In view of the foregoing considerations, your committee would recommend that Sister De Sales submit to this Council a balance sheet, showing their loss and profit for the year 1853; also for the year 1854, up to the first day of October. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. CRAIG,
H. H. LEROY,
E. A. LANSING,
Committee.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I hereby report to your honorable body an assessment roll for paving Larned street from the centre of Brush street to the centre of Beaubien street. Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, Oct. 14th, 1854. Accepted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

I herewith submit to your honorable body a corrected assessment for defraying the expenses of constructing a private box-drain through Farmer street and the alley between Monroe Avenue and State street. Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, Oct. 24, 1854.
Accepted and confirmed.

The special committee appointed relative to the fencing and building walls, &c., upon the Pontiac Railroad, presented the following letter from the Pontiac R. R. Company:

To the Committee of the Common Council appointed to confer with the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company:

GENTLEMEN: In reply to your questions, we respectfully submit and answer—

That the Railroad Company are the owners of the fee of the land in question; that they propose, so soon as means can be secured, in connection with the Oakland and Ottawa Railroad Company, to make a regular and uniform grade from Jefferson Avenue to the Higgins House, north of the Fort Gratiot road, which will place the track seventeen feet or thereabouts below the Gratiot road, and enable them to erect bridges at each street from Jefferson Avenue to beyond that road, in such a manner as in no way to interfere with the passage and use of any of the streets at their usual grade. This, it is expected, can be done within the coming year. This new grading has become requisite on account of the Oakland and Ottawa Road, and to accommodate its business. As this will materially lessen the inconveniences which might arise by crossings at the present grade, it was deemed best by this company, as soon as the O. & O. Road was in a way of establishment, to adopt the new grade and complete it as soon as practicable for joint occupation.

To remedy the inconveniences which may arise in the interval, they propose now to fence, with a substantial temporary fence, their deep cut from Jefferson Avenue to Fort street, on the city side, and to erect a bridge at Fort street across the road. Also, to provide a sewer to carry off such water as comes down the road. These they propose to do at once.

As soon as the grade is altered, the road will be secured by permanent walls and fences wherever required for safety and convenience; and until this is done they propose to make sufficient erections for the time being, as those now to be erected will have to be replaced on the change of grade.

In regard to their rights in the land, they have had them submitted to the ablest counsel whom they could find, and have their opinion in distinct terms that their rights are clear. The company had the matter examined into at an early day, and are satisfied that their rights are well established.

Respectfully yours,
N. P. STEWART, Pres't D. & P. R. R. Co.

Ald. Craig moved to refer to Aldermen of the 7th ward. Lost.

A motion to lay upon the table was also lost, as follows: Yeas, Ald. Hull, Lyon and the Mayor—3. Nays, Ald. Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Finehart, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy and Wilcox—10.

Ald. Barclay moved that so much of the letter as refers to bridges, fences, &c., be adopted as the report of the committee, and that four weeks time be allowed the Company to complete the same. Carried.

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the petition of Sister Mary Lucretia, for a donation to the Orphan Asylum over which she presides, in this city, respectfully report, that appreciating the benefits of the institution, and the devotedness of those in charge of it, yet, as this Council is limited in its power by the city charter, and as we conceive that, under it, we have no right to vote away the city moneys by way of charity, however worthy, we find ourselves obliged to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioner.

W. H. CRAIG,
H. H. LEROY,
E. A. LANSING, } Committee.

Accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Public Buildings, in accordance with the resolution of Alderman Barclay adopted by the Council on the 17th inst., report, that they have ascertained in regard to the occupants of the property known as the Female Seminary property, recently purchased by the city of Detroit of the State of Michigan, and beg leave to submit a letter addressed to your Committee on the subject by James McAfee, who holds possession of said building for said city of Detroit.

H. H. LEROY,
E. A. LANSING, } Committee.

Accepted.

DETROIT, Oct. 19, 1854.

To the Committee on Public Buildings of the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The rooms in the building known as the Female Seminary property, formerly the property of the State, now the property of the city of Detroit, and from whom I hold possession of same, are occupied as follows, viz:

Two rooms on first floor and one in basement occupied by Adjutant General J. E. Schwarz; remainder of first floor occupied as a church for church service on Sabbaths. The second floor occupied by Sheriff Gray, two Constables and Attorney Hartwell. The third floor, one large room occupied as an Armory by the National Dragoon Guard. The rooms of basement occupied by me.

JAMES MCAFEE.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Hanks, Supervisor of the Fifth Ward, for extra pay, report that the ordinance passed April 23, 1850, fixes the pay of the Supervisors at one dollar per day for their services; and as it does not appear that Mr Hanks has rendered any extra service, they report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

W. W. WILCOX,
H. H. LEROY.

Accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Messrs. Hunt & Newberry and others, report that the nuisance complained of is on private property. Your committee know of no other way to abate the nuisance but for the owners of the lots to cause them to be filled up.

W. W. WILCOX, Ch'n Com. on Streets.

Accepted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to confer with the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church upon the subject of placing an alarm bell for the city in the tower of said church, and ascertain what arrangement can be made with said Trustees for that purpose.

Referred to committee of three, consisting of Ald. Craig, Leroy, and Lyon.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor stake out the line of St. Antoine street through the old cemetery. Adopted.

On leave, E. A. Brush, President Board of Water Commissioners, stated that the water supply of the entire city would be cut off in two weeks for three days, to connect the works with the new tank, and recommended that the Council would take some action in the premises.

The Mayor, on motion, appointed as committee to report necessary action, Ald. Barclay, Wilcox, and the Chief Engineer.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, }
Detroit, July 21, 1854. }

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS.
To J. W. Johnston, Lewis Cass, Nicholas Kern, City of Detroit, Henry Keeler, Titus Doan, William Stewart, Henry Zender, William Jacob, James Morton, Owen Patterson, James Black, Joseph A. Jenkins, Wm. Caskel, (C. Whitman agent,) Joseph Raymond, Geo. S. Hommal, O. B. Wilmarth, Michael Donohue, John McNamara, Joseph Ware, Mrs. Muroney, (widow,) Owen Haley, Valentine Hommal, Wm. A. Butler, Geo. S. Hommal, Dominique Rigon, J. A. Roy, Charles Byram, Patrick Keaveny, S. N. Kendrick, Presbyterian Church, Eliza Kelly, Geo. F. Frost, Geo. W. Cass, Robert A. Forth, (late agent,) J. S. Barrows, Harmon Degraft (estate of,) Henry Williams, John Bloom, Geo. C. Martz, George Bates, Peter Behan, James Martin, Michael Trabu, Michael Hayes, James Westaway, Patrick Hires, Henry Smittell, Mary Hand, Joseph Evans, William Kidd, and to the owners and occupants of property on Third street, from Congress street to Michigan avenue, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of planking said Third street eight feet wide in front of or adjacent to premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you, respectively; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 8th day of August, A. D. 1854, when you may appear before the Common Council, at the Common Council room of said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law. jy25 RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, }
Detroit, September 13, 1854. }

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS.
To Ralph Phelps, E. S. Heaton, Nicholas Coquard, Walter Ingersoll, A. M. Fitch, Luther B. Willard, William Barnum, William Long, Lewis Cass, Henry Schmitt, James Fitzmorris, Henry Gaylord, Dexter Merrill, Hugh Moffatt, Franklin Moore, William Davis, and the owners and occupants of property on both sides of First street, between Michigan avenue and Fort street, and to any other person or persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of constructing plank side-walks in front of or adjacent to the above described premises, and that the reports or assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the Clerk of said city, where they will remain open for your inspection until Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of September, A. D. 1854, when and where you may be and appear before the Common Council, at the Common Council Room of said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

By order of the Common Council.

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RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, }
DETROIT, Nov. 2, 1854. }

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT SEALED Proposals will be received at this office until Wednesday, the 15th inst., at 12 o'clock M., for the building of twelve reservoirs, to be located as follows:

- 1 corner of Congress and Bates street
- 2 " Grand River and Cass street
- 3 " Washington avenue and John R. street
- 4 " Madison avenue and Randolph street
- 5 " Beaubien and Croghan street
- 6 " Croghan and Hastings street
- 7 " Congress and Russell street
- 8 " Rivard street and Jefferson avenue
- 9 " Congress and St. Antoine streets
- 10 " Congress and Shelby streets
- 11 " High and John R. streets
- 12 " Cass street and Jefferson avenue

Said reservoirs to be built according to plans and specifications on file in this office, and to be completed on or before the 1st day of January, next, and to be accepted and approved by the Committee on Fire Department.

By order of the Common Council.

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CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Oct. 31, 1854.

Council met and was called to order by his Hon. the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present, the Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Craig, Duncan, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Lyon, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of H. Foote and T. H. Hartwell, for rooms in the Seminary buildings. Referred to Committee on Public Buildings, with power.

Of Frederick D. Striker, for a lateral sewer to abate a nuisance existing upon lot 1, north side of Congress street, Antoine Beaubien Farm, and upon other lots in the same vicinity. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of John King, that a walk be ordered six feet wide on the north side of Fort street, from First street to the west line of the city. Granted.

Of John King, relative to side walk on Brush street. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of John King, for special committee to investigate and settle all claims against the city for side and cross walks, to date. The Mayor appointed as such committee, the Recorder, and Aldermen Lansing and Craig.

Of J. Williams and others, for gas lamp at the corner of alley on west side of Griswold street, between Fort and Congress streets. Referred to Committee on Gas Lights.

Of W. H. Patton and others, for side walk on the west side of Woodward avenue, from the corner of George street to the corner of Park lot No. 60. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Eli Laderoot, for an assessment to abate a nuisance on lot 93, sec. 1, G. and J. plan. Granted.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, accounts audited by him as follows: Edward Beaubien, Assistant Surveyor to November 1, \$26. Eli Laderoot, cartage, lumber, &c. for repairs on Cemetery, \$3. W. Knowles, cross walks and materials, \$16 25. W. McCoy, burying 94 cats and dogs, \$9 75. John Clark, labor in streets, \$5 50. Do., do., \$122 87. Peter Deggatt, repairing fence in old Cemetery, \$4 37. James Peters, ringing alarm on 20th inst., \$1. Wm. Knowles, building platforms in front of Engine Houses, \$54 19. D. Crawford, ringing alarm bell for fire, 27th inst., \$1. J. Andrews, ringing alarm for fire, 27th inst., \$1. Supervisor of 4th Ward, labor on streets, &c., \$65 26. Michigan *Democrat*, publishing proceedings and advertizing, \$80 50. Wm. F. Cole, resetting glass for Engine Houses, \$3 75. M. M. Geisler, repairs of Engine No. 6, \$8 75. John Webster, nails for City Pound, \$3 75. Robert Dennen and others, watching fire, \$15. W. H. Langley, making connections with sewers, &c., \$5. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

Account of John Ulrich, referred to Committee on Claims.

From the city Auditor, report relative to contract with Chas. Jackson for building St. Antoine street sewer, and the bond. Accepted. To the Honorable the Common Council,

In obedience to the Requirements of sec. 8. chap. 17 of the Revised Ordinances of 1848; I respectfully beg leave to report, that the owners of property on the east and west side of First street, from Michigan avenue to Fort street, the owners of property on the south side of Lafayette street, from Fifth to First st. the owners of lot 82, south Congress street, Lambert Beaubien farm,

have been notified to build side walks in front of their premises. A part of said owners have complied with the notice; a part of said walks remain to be built. I respectfully recommend that the walks referred to be ordered built forthwith.

JOHN KING,

Street Commissioner.

Accepted and Adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Street Commissioner in regard to building side and cross walks report: That after investigation they find the city nearly two thousand dollars in debt for building walks—the assessments have been placed in the hands of the different Marshalls since that time, and have not been collected—your Committee would also state that in consequence of the delay in collecting the assessments, it is almost impossible to get any one to build the walks—your Committee therefore are of the opinion that some more prompt and efficient means should be adopted for the collection of all special assessments and recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the City Attorney be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Council an Ordinance creating the office of City Collector.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. W. WILCOX,
E. A. LANSING,
WM. BARCLAY.

Accepted and Adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Chaffe to have the side walk graded in front of premises owned by him, on the south side of Monroe Avenue, respectfully begs leave to report, that no walk has been ordered by your Hon. body in front of said premises, and the city has in no instance within my knowledge graded side walks where they have not ordered new walks built. It has been customary when citizens wish to build a walk for their own convenience or profit in the front of any paved street, the owner or occupant grades the side walk, and the city carried off the surplus earth if any remained. I respectfully recommend that the same privilege be extended to Mr. Chaffe.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Accepted and adopted.

From the Chief Engineer of Fire Department, that the roof of building used by Hook and Ladder Company needs repairs; and that the side walk in front of Fire Engine House No. 3, should be repaired.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department, with power.

From the City Marshal, relative to paving assessments. Referred to City Auditor.

From the Recorder and Attorney, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel French, relative to the collection of paving assessments, that the ordinance of the city already provide as expedient mode for the collection of assessments as can be done with safety. Accepted and adopted.

From the Committee on Claims, in favor of allowing Burt & Bailey \$130 for a leveling instrument. Accepted and adopted.

From special committee, relative to communication of E. A. Bush, stating that the water would be shut off to connect main pipe with tank, recommending that a special police of not more than four in each ward be appointed to act under the supervision of the Aldermen of each ward during said time at the rate of \$2 each; and that the Chief Engineer station one man in the cupola of the National Hotel during same time.

Accepted and adopted.

From special committee on fire alarm bell, communication of First Protestant Society, and recommending that the propositions made be accepted. Accepted and adopted.

From Committee on Sewers, in favor of granting privilege to C. H. Dubach to enter sub drain from lot 74, by a drain from lot 75, on Croghan street, between Rivard and Russell streets. Accepted and adopted.

From the Committee on Streets, in favor of granting prayer of petition of Robt. C. Wright and others, for paving Bates street, from Congress street to Michigan avenue. Accepted and adopted.

From the Committee on Fire Department, adverse to prayer of petition of Francis Riley, to repair buildings on the corner of First and Woodbridge streets. Accepted and adopted.

From same committee, in favor of allowing Richard Hawley to remove kitchen on the corner of First and Howard streets. Accepted and adopted.

By permission of the Council, Major Kearsley addressed the Council relative to certain fraudulent assessments.

On motion, the report of the Recorder, Attorney, and Committee on Taxes, was taken from the table.

Ald. Lyon moved to insert in the report, after the words "such assessments," in the next to the last paragraph of the report, "and all claims growing out of fraudulent and erroneous assessments."

The report was then adopted.

The Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay and Craig, were appointed as the special committee recommended by the report.

By Ald. Patton,

Resolved, That the City Auditor advertise for ten days longer for proposals for constructing the 12 reservoirs ordered by the Council.

Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance regulating the keeping, and vending of gunpowder in the city of Detroit.

Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the City Treasurer Report to this Council at its next meeting the amount of licenses collected from Cabs and Hacks.

Adopted.

By Ald. Patton,

Resolved, That the Committee on Gas be authorized to have lamps placed on Woodbridge st. between Beaubien st. and Woodward Avenue, in the proper places. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

Pay Taxes and Save Per Centage.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, Oct. 12 1884.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE AS-
essment rolls for paving Police alley from the east curb of Bates street to the east curb of Randolph street; Franklin street and alley, from the western curb of Beaubien street, to the eastern curb of Theresse alley, from the south curb of Brush street; Theresse alley, from the south curb of Atwater street to the north curb of Atwater street; Brush street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; alley south of Jefferson avenue, between Brush street and Beaubien street; Camillus Berthelot alley, from the eastern curb of Randolph street to the western curb of Brush street; alley south of Atwater street, between Bates street and Randolph street, to the south line of Police alley—have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom those interested may make payment until the sixteenth of November, A. D. 1884, when they will be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and five per cent added.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, November 14, 1854.

Council met at 7 P. M., and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present—The Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Craig, Duncan, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Mayhew, Patton, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Patrick Power and others, for a new side walk on the east side of Fifth, from Grand River to Orleans street.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Neil Flattery and others, for a new side walk, eight feet wide, on the south side of Larned street, between Randolph and Beaubien streets. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of N. S. Harvey and others, for side walk on the south side of Walnut street, from the Grand River road across Seventh street, and that suitable ditches may be cut on Seventh street to carry off the water. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of James Morgan and others, for a surface drain on Seventh street, at the corner of Locust street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of R. S. Gee, for permission to lay in Winder street, connecting with the sewer in Witherell street. Referred to Committee on Sewers, with power.

Of J. O. Graves, to be relieved from the payment of tax upon personal property, not owned by him, and which was assessed to Anthony Dudgeon. Referred to Recorder and City Attorney.

Of W. S. Montgomery, collector of Third Ward, to be discharged from the responsibility of not collecting taxes upon personal property assessed to Anthony Dudgeon, John A. Bailey, and Thos. H. Eaton, as they have no personal property in said ward.

Referred to Recorder and City Attorney.

Of W. S. Montgomery, to be appointed City Collector. Laid on table.

Of Edward Kanter and others, that the vacant lots in block lying between Michigan Avenue, Spencer street, Cass and First street, may be filled up, or that a drain be constructed so as to abate nuisance caused by standing water upon said lot. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Charles Byram and others, for the annexation to the city, as the "Ninth Ward," of that portion of Springwells from the westerly line of the city running along the Chicago road to the west line of the Thompson and east line of the Laferty farms, so called, thence running southerly to the Detroit river.

Referred to Recorder and Attorney.

Of N. Stone and others, for a gas light on Lafayette street, in the centre of block between Griswold and Shelby streets.

Referred to Committee on Gas.

Of Samuel French, for removal of plank and dirt at mouth of Rivard street sewer, so that it can empty itself into the river under his dock.

On motion of Ald. Barclay, the Marshal was instructed to notify the contractor to remove obstructions forthwith.

Of the foremen of the different engine companies, asking for the appointment of P. Conelly to build fires in the engine houses.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

REPORTS.

The Auditor reported the following accounts audited by him:

American Express Company, charges on model for fire bell from Troy; L. B. Willard, Director of the Poor, amount expended for the relief of 360 paupers in October; Sanford Britton, inter-

ring 29 city paupers, \$143; Black River S. M. Company, lumber furnished City Marshal, \$2 83; D. E. Rice, for repairs on fire engines, \$20 60; John Patton, repairs on hearse, \$9 75; John Patton, repairs on fire engines, \$84 50; Walter Paton, use of room, and damages to furniture on election day, \$10; John King and others, labor on streets, \$192 94; Dennis Duggan, labor on streets in Eighth Ward, \$15 88; Edward Beaubien, services assisting Surveyor, \$5; James Stewart, labor and materials putting down drains for Engine Companies 6 and 7; Smith, Dwight & Co., for boards, \$2 36; St. Mary's Hospital, care of Bridget Rose, a sick pauper, \$17 23; St. Mary's Hospital, taking care of sick paupers, \$114 75; Michigan State Bank, premium on draft sent to James Smith, N. Y., for payment of new engine hose.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the city of Detroit:

The undersigned was directed, at the last sitting of your honorable body, to communicate with Messrs. Jones & Hitchcock, bell founders at Troy, New York, for the purpose of ascertaining upon what terms they could furnish the city of Detroit a fire alarm bell, weighing 3,500 pounds. This was done by me accordingly, and I have received an answer by letter, under date of the 8th instant, which is herewith enclosed, and which I beg leave to ask may be taken and read as part of this, my report. The model mentioned in said letter as having been sent by express, has been received, and is now in my office.

Respectfully, CHAS. PELTIER,
City Auditor.
TROY, Nov. 8, 1853.

Chas. Peltier, Esq., Auditor, Detroit:

DEAR SIR: Your esteemed favor of the 6th instant, making inquiries as to price of fire alarm bell for your city, is duly received, and in reply would say we will make and deliver one of our best bells in Detroit for 35 cents per pound—warrant the same for one year, and the tone warranted to please and give satisfaction. Fire bells are usually hung different from those of church bells,—that is, suspended to a beam or a frame, made similar to the model sent this day per express. This mode of striking is Alfred Carson's patent, Chief Engineer Fire Department, New York; and all the large bells in the city of New York are hung and struck in this way, and it is the best way for fire bells to be struck, as you can get a quick blow, as well as to strike the different wards or fire districts. You can see from the model just how it operates; and we have sent it to give you an insight. The price of this mode of striking and hanging is the same as those hung for church bells, that is, \$85. The time of payment is rather too long. We would give six months' time at this figure. We have just sent one to the city of Utica, for the new City Hall, of 4,040 pounds, key of D, different tone from church bells, and to-day received a draft on New York for it, and they say there is only one sentiment, and that is, the best bell ever cast of its weight. Would like to have you write to the Mayor and get the opinion of the city, and we think you had better try and go as high as this, as Chicago has one of 8,000 pounds, Buffalo one of 1,000 pounds, Cincinnati one of 7,000 lbs., and Detroit should not have one less than 4,000 lbs. We sent to-day a church bell from this pattern to Waterbury, Ct., of 4,100 lbs. Could you go as high as this, we think we could give you a bell which could be heard at all times, one which would give universal satisfaction. We

could ship it in six days from receipt of order.
Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you again, we remain yours, truly,

JONES & HITCHCOCK.

Accepted.

Ald. Craig moved to refer to "special committee, with the Auditor, Recorder and Attorney, with instructions to purchase a bell weighing 5,000 pounds."

Ald. Wilcox offered as a substitute, that the matter be referred to the Recorder and Attorney. Adopted.

From the Mayor, report of amount of night-watch employed during the shutting off of the water, as follows:

Watch in Fire Engine and Hook and	
Ladder Co.'s Houses,	\$54.00
Watch in City Hall,	32.00
Watch in Cupola, six days and nights, . . .	24.00
H. L. Willett's night-watch, 6 and 7, . . .	4.00

I would recommend that the amount due the watch in the several engine houses be drawn by their respective foremen; and that, in view of the faithful manner in which the Firemen have attended to the safe-keeping of our city during the nights we were partially out of water, I offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That five dollars be paid the Foreman of each Company, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of necessary refreshments during the three nights they were on the watch.

O. M. HYDE, Mayor.

Report adopted, and the Auditor ordered to draw his warrant for the amounts.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred a petition of sundry persons for a new sidewalk six feet wide on the west side of Woodward avenue, from Earl street to Park Lot No. 60, begs leave to report in favor of granting prayer of petitioners.

JOHN KING,

St. Commissioner.

Accepted, and on motion of Ald. Barclay, walks ordered built.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

I herewith submit to your Honorable body an assessment roll for paying the alley lying between Lots Nos 29 and 30 of Berthlet's subdivision, south of Atwater street, in the city of Detroit. Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU,
City Surveyor.

Detroit, Nov. 13, 1854.

Accepted.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Biopelle street sewer, and find that it is completed according to the contract of Messrs. Moore & Jackson.

I. W. INGERSOLL,
STEPHEN MARTIN,
Com. on Sewers.
THOMAS CAMPAU,
City Surveyor.

Detroit, Nov. 11, 1854.

Accepted, and Auditor ordered to draw warrant for amount due.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned would report to your Honorable body that most of the engine houses of this city, as originally built, were poor, indifferent structures, and since their erection have been in need of constant repairs, and it would be a source of gratification to the Firemen generally, as well as myself, if your Honorable body would make it convenient to appoint some day, before winter sets in, for the purpose of inspecting the condition of engine houses, engines, hose and carts, and such other apparatus as may

be used by the Firemen. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. DUNCAN, Chief Engineer.

The report was accepted, when Alderman Patton offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor call a special meeting of this Council, at such time as he may think proper, to visit and inspect the several engine houses.

To the Hon. Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned would report to your honorable body that a new stove will have to be procured for Engine Co. No. 5; the one used by them the past two years was an old one when placed there, and is now entirely useless.

I would also report that some person or persons have entirely destroyed the section hose of Engine Co. No. 5, by cutting them with a knife, and it will be necessary to procure a new set for them; and I would suggest that a reward be offered for the discovery of the persons so cutting the hose.

WM. DUNCAN, Chief Engineer.

Report accepted and adopted, and the Mayor instructed to offer a reward of \$100 for the detection.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned would report that during the past week he has made a thorough examination of the reservoirs, and they are all of them full of water and in good order, except the following: The one at the junction of Miami avenue and Randolph street. I find the top of reservoir very much decayed and a portion of timbers broken in; while being repaired, it should be raised, as it is about eighteen inches below the grade of street; also the one at the corner of Fort and Seventh streets leaks badly, and requires new sides; and the one at the corner of Beaubien and Larned streets should be raised, as the top of it is some three or four feet below the pavement.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. DUNCAN,
Chief Engineer.

Accepted.

To the Hon. the Common Council of Detroit:

The special committee, to whom was referred the ordinance to amend the chapter of the revised ordinance of 1848, relative to cabs, hackney coaches, &c., beg leave to report, that they have carefully considered the said ordinance, and have unanimously agreed upon an entire new ordinance to supply the place of the chapter of the revised ordinances referred to; and also of said amendatory ordinance. And the committee herewith report the ordinance agreed upon by them to the Council, and most respectfully recommend its immediate passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. M. HYDE, Mayor.

WM. COOK, Recorder.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

Nov. 14, 1854.

The ordinance was read the first time.

Ald. Barclay moved to suspend the 19th rule, in order that the ordinance might be read the second time.

Ald. Patton moved to lay the ordinance upon the table and order it printed.

Lost, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hull, Mayhew and Patton—3.

Nays—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Duncan, Ingersoll, Lansing, Wilcox, and his Hon. the Mayor—7.

Ald. Hull moved to adjourn.

Lost, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hull and Mayhew—2.
Nays—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Duncan, Ingersoll, Lansing, Patton, Wilcox, and his Honor the Mayor—8.

Ald. Barclay then renewed his motion, and the ordinance was placed upon its second reading, when, there being no quorum present, The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

Proclamation.

**MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
 Detroit, November 4th, 1854. }**
TO THE CITIZENS OF DETROIT—DESIR-
 ous of preserving good order at all times, and soliciting that the reputation of our city should remain untarnished by the commission of any outrage or crime, and knowing the temptation to unusual excitement during and at the close of a protracted political controversy, I desire respectfully to submit to my fellow-citizens of this city, a recommendation, accompanied by the reasons therefor:

It is a fact that no one will question, that during times of general excitement—especially political—popular feeling is often influenced by the too frequent use of alcoholic or intoxicating drinks of every kind, till it reaches a point where law is trampled under foot, and good order is subverted.

It is also known to our citizens, that on the day succeeding our coming election, the supply of water for the entire city is to be cut off, it therefore becomes necessary that all our citizens exercise unusual caution, that our city be not visited with a fire at a time when we shall be comparatively defenceless.

In view of these two facts, and encouraged by the very successful result attending similar efforts of the Mayors of various cities in Ohio and Indiana, I most earnestly and respectfully request every person who is engaged in selling any kind of intoxicating liquor, to shut up entirely their, his or her bar, or other place where such drinks are kept for sale, and positively to refuse every application that may be made to them for any intoxicating drinks, on election day, in any quantity whatever. Relying upon the good sense and love of order of every member of this community, and knowing that such a course would greatly promote the peaceable assembling of all on the day of election, and increase the safety of the city, and believing that every man is willing heartily to co-operate in any measure calculated to secure these results, I have made this public request to my fellow-citizens.

I would further call the attention of the citizens of each Ward to the propriety of establishing a Volunteer Watch during the time our city will be without water, for the purpose of aiding the City Watch, and that such persons as are willing to so serve themselves and the public, that they register their names with the Aldermen of their respective Wards, who are to have charge of the Watch.

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OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.

SALE OF UNITED STATES LAND AT DETROIT, in the State of Michigan.

Will be sold at public auction, on the premises, in or adjoining the city of Detroit, on the twenty-eighth day of October, 1854, a certain piece of land, with the building thereon, erected for a United States Powder Magazine.

This land was purchased for the United States from John Mullett and wife, by deed bearing date the seventeenth of September, 1830, and is described in said deed as beginning at a stake standing upon the line of an alley thirty links in breadth, between the above mentioned tract and the lands of Antoine Rivard, at a point six chains and six links from the southerly line of the Fort Gratiot turnpike, and running thence north sixty four degrees, east three chains sixteen twenty-three one-hundredth links; thence south twenty-six degrees, east three chains sixteen twenty-three one-hundredth links; thence south sixty-four degrees, west three chains sixteen twenty-three one-hundredth links; thence north twenty-six degrees, west three chains sixteen twenty-three one-hundredth links, to the place of beginning, containing one acre, more or less.

The sale will be for cash, and a deed for the property will be made by the Secretary of War under the Acts of Congress of third of March, 1819, and twenty-eighth April, 1828, conveying to the purchaser and to his heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title and interest of the United States in the same.

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HENRY E. CRAIG,
 Colonel of Ordnance.

ELECTION NOTICE.

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, }
 DETROIT, Oct. 15th, 1854. }**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT A SPECIAL City Election will be held on the seventh day of November, A. D. 1854, at the places designated in each Ward for holding the General Election.

FOR ONE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,
 To fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of B. RUSH BAGO, Esq. The term of office for which said Justice of the Peace to be elected, to expire on the 4th day of July, 1855.

By order of the Common Council.

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RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Nov. 21, 1854.

Council met and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, O. M. Hyde.

Present—The Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Mayhew Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Jonathan Teagan, to remove a wooden building. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of James Lavinbarin and others, relative to Beaubien street sewer. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of John Reilly, for salary as Assistant Marshal. Referred to Committee on Claims.

Of Timothy Quinlan, for committee to examine Jones street sewer, &c.

Of Lyman T. McQuivy, for damages to horse, &c., from manhole on corner of Bates and Larned streets. Referred to Committee on Streets.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

Wm. Jones, burying 90 dogs and cats, \$12 25. W. McCoy, burying 90 cats, dogs, and rats, \$11 25. John McCurdy, sprinkling around City Hall, &c., \$97 50. Walter Chester, freight and charges on engine, \$21 50. Edward Sheppard, glazing and repairing street lamps, \$10 38. J. F. Monroe, for services of self and men, six days grading Grand River street, \$30. Salaries of City Officers, \$658 33. John Ulrich, for cleaning, making fires, &c., in City Hall, \$42 90. Francis S. Chambers, night fire watch, \$14. John Slater, stationery, \$3 50. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

From the Committee on Claims, in favor of allowing account of Wm. McCoy, for \$58 62.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

In accordance with a resolution of your honorable body, passed at a session held on the 31st ultimo, I advertised in the official paper of the city a second time for receiving proposals for the building of 12 reservoirs, to be located in different parts of the city; the time for receiving the same having expired on the 15th inst. at 12 o'clock M. But one bid or proposal was received, and that is from J. A. Sutton. He proposes to build the reservoirs according to the plan and specifications on file in my office, and complete the same by the first day of January next, for the sum of eighty-five dollars each, (\$85.)

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. FELTNER, City Auditor.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department, with power.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the report of the City Auditor, relative to the purchase of a bell for the use of the city, in case of fire, &c., beg leave to report that they have been unable to discover any legal objection to the purchase of such a bell, if the Council are of opinion that the interests of the city require the same.

WM. A. COOK, Recorder,
 J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

Detroit, Nov. 21, 1854. Accepted.

From the City Attorney, relative to the title of the city to alley from the foot of Cass street.—Report accepted and referred to Committee on Streets.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of J. O. Graves, relative to an alleged unjust assessment in the Third Ward assessment roll, recommend that the Collector of said Ward be authorized to take the same course with the city taxes based upon said assessment, as recommended in their report upon the communication of said Collector, relative to assessments against Theodore H. Eaton and others. All of which is respectfully submitted. W. A. COOK, Recorder, J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

Accepted and adopted. City Attorney.
Detroit, Nov. 21, 1854.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the communication of Wm. S. Montgomery, Collector of the Third Ward of the city of Detroit, relative to certain assessments on the Tax Roll of said ward, against Theodore H. Eaton, Esq. and others, and asking that the Council will discharge him from responsibility which may be attached to him, for not collecting the city taxes based upon said assessments, would recommend that the said collector be authorized to receive from the parties named in his communication their checks, or other obligations, for the city taxes based upon the assessments in question, which checks, or other obligations, shall be conditioned that if the Council shall be satisfied hereafter, when it obtains the necessary power from the Legislature to examine into the matter of unjust assessments and grant necessary relief in such cases, that the assessments referred to in said communication are unjust, or illegal, then said checks or other obligations to be null and void—otherwise of force and virtue. The undersigned recommend the foregoing course, for the reason that if said assessments are illegal, as stated, and the collector proceeds to enforce the collection of the taxes based thereupon, he will be liable to prosecution for trespass, or to replevin suits, and the city will be under obligations to indemnify him for all damages and costs recovered against him in such suits; and the course suggested will save the cost and expenses of such suits, and at the same time secure the taxes to the city, provided the assessments are correct. All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. A. COOK, Recorder,
J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

Detroit, Nov. 21, 1854.

From the City Attorney, an ordinance relative to gunpowder and gun-cotton. Read once and laid on table.

From the Committee on Sewers, relative to alteration in Jones street sewer by the contractor. Referred back to Committee on Sewers.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Kanter and others, ask leave to report that they have examined the premises, and find a great nuisance existing on lots No. 21 and on 20 the Cass farm, north side of Michigan avenue. Your committee would therefore recommend that the Marshal be and is directed to notify the owners of said lots where large quantities of matter are now standing, to abate said nuisance which may be done by draining into the sewer in Michigan avenue in front of said premises; and further, if said premises are not drained without further delay, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to abate the same and charge to said lots.

W. W. WILCOX,
H. H. LEROY,
WD. BARCLAY.

Accepted and adopted.

From the foreman of Engine Company No. 3, the Chief Engineer, and Committee on Fire Department, recommending the acceptance of the new engine built by Wright & Brothers for Engine Company No. 3, and instructing the Auditor to pay \$800 for same.

Report accepted and adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The ordinance relative to cabs, &c., was taken from the table. The first and second sections were read, and, after being amended, adopted.

On the reading of the second section, the Mayor called the Recorder to the chair.

Ald. Hull raised the point of order as to the right of the Recorder to act during the presence of the Mayor. The Recorder decided that, if the Mayor was present in the Council-room, the Recorder could not take the chair, except in committee of the whole. The decision of the chair was appealed from.

A call of the Council was had, when there were found present—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Hull, Leroy, Mayhew, Wilcox, the Mayor and Recorder.

There being no quorum present, the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKY, City Clerk.

Pay Taxes and Save Per Centage

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, November 7th, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE and City of Detroit, ss: To William B Wells, Francis E Mills, E T Brockway, W Morton, Edward Nolan, Cornelius Connerton, Oliver Newbury, Jacobs & Garrison, J D Shade, George B Throop (estate of), James Baker, David Thompson, George B Russell, William Gilbert, Thomas Armstrong, E F F Martin, E T T Martin, Charles Seymour, Theodore H Eaton, Alexander D Frazer, Jeremiah Godfrey, Henry Glover, George Hill, F & C H Buhl, Peter McGill, John Wood, Charles Wenks, Hiram Joy, William A Wayne, Emily Kunzie, Edward Gallagher, Peter Dixon, D S Osborne, T K Adams, Victoria Cole, Peter Desnoyers, W Craft, Bela Hubbard (agent), Dennis & Young, Wm B Edwards, Alexander H Newbold, Richard H Hall, Edward Campan, Edwin A Lansing, Peter Desnoyers, Julia E Mel drum, Francis Desnoyers, Jeremiah Crowley, Mary McMillen, Sarah Davenport, William B Wesson, Cullen Brown, M Howard Webster, Jonathan Kearsley, W E & J F Crafts, Jared C Warner, Thomas T Leete, James Abbott, Sarah Hawley, University or City, Peter P LeFever, Holmes & Co, Alanson Sheeley, Zachariah Chandler, Charles Waterman, Ives (agent), Jeremiah Crowley, David Smart, James Scammonder, W G McGregor, Henry Wynemas, Joseph Andrey (estate of), W W Moore, Hiram McCain, William Bond, Albert Burnell, Edward Chope, J W Moore, Frederick Wetmore, Lewis Couraud, John B Chagnon, Esther Thomas, Richard Hawley, C Manveiller, James Sherlock, Jonathan Kearsley, John Congregor, Peter Dixon, Alexander McKibben, Sarah Davenport, Alexander C McGraw, Young Men's Society, Miss O'Keefe, W J McGregor, Henry P Baldwin, and the owners and occupants of property on Cass street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; on Wayne street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; on Shelby street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; on Bates street, from the centre of Larned street to the south curb of Congress street; on Larned street, from the centre of Brush street to the centre of Beaubien street; on Bates street, from the north curb of Jefferson avenue to the centre of Larned street; on Larned street, from the east curb of Woodward avenue to the west curb of Bates street; on Larned street, from the east curb of Bates street to the centre of Randolph street; on Larned street, from the centre of Brush street to the centre of Randolph street; on Randolph street, from the north curb of Jefferson avenue to the south curb of Larned street; on the alley west of Jefferson avenue, between Woodbridge street and Atwater street, and to any other person or persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 21st day of November, A. D. 1854, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law. nov10-10t RICHARD STARKY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 23, 1854.

The Council was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Lyon, and Wilcox.

The ordinance, entitled "An ordinance relative to cabs, hackney coaches, carriages, omnibuses, and other vehicles," was taken up, amended and passed.

Ald. Lansing offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the time for the collections of the city, school, highway, and sewer taxes, in all the wards, now in the hands of the several collectors, be extended for the term of twenty days from the first day of December next.

Ald. Doyle moved to amend by striking out "twenty," and inserting "thirty." Lost. Yeas, six; nays, six.

Ald. Doyle moved to insert "to the first of January," after the word "extended." Lost.

The resolution was then adopted, as follows: Yeas—Ald. Collins, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Lansing, Lyon, and his Honor the Mayor—10.

Nays—Ald. Barclay, Ingersoll, and Wilcox—3.

The Clerk was, on motion of Ald. Doyle, directed to have one hundred copies of the rates of fare for cabs, &c., printed, and to deliver two copies to each person taking out license for same.

On motion of Ald. Lansing, Capt. E. B. Ward addressed the Council relative to the burglary upon his warehouse.

Ald. Lansing offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, A gross and flagrant outrage was perpetrated upon the property of Capt. E. B. Ward, contained in the warehouse occupied by him, and a brutal and murderous assault made upon the persons of the inmates—therefore,

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to offer a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the persons who committed said outrages. Adopted.

By Alderman Wilcox:

Whereas, It appears by affidavits on file that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of land on Cass street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; on Wayne street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; on Shelby street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; on Bates street, from the centre of Larned street to the south curb of Congress street; on Larned street, from the centre of Brush street to the centre of Beaubien street; on Bates street, from the north curb of Jefferson avenue to the centre of Larned street; on Larned street, from the east curb of Woodward avenue to the west curb of Bates street; on Larned street, from the east curb of Bates street to the centre of Randolph street; on Larned street, from the centre of Brush street to the centre of Randolph street; on Randolph street, from the north curb of Jefferson avenue to the south curb of Larned street; on the alley west of Jefferson avenue, between Woodbridge street and Atwater street, and to any other person or persons interested: that the Common Council would, on the twenty-first day of November, A.

D. 1854, meet and review the report and assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the nineteenth and twenty-sixth of September, and third, tenth, twenty-fourth and thirty-first of October, to defray the expense of graveling, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to the above described premises; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment or the confirmation thereof; therefore,

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and names of persons contained therein are correct, and that the sums which the assessment rolls state, are the correct ones which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, be the assessments and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same according to law. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

A N ORDINANCE FOR THE BETTER PRESERVATION of the public Reservoirs of the city of Detroit.
Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Detroit, in Common Council convened:

SECTION 1. Any person who shall injure any public reservoir, or who shall break and enter the same, and draw off, or cause to be removed, any of the water therefrom, except in case of fire, or unless duly authorized by the Common Council of said city, or by the chief engineer of the fire department, (except in case of inspection of fire engines,) shall forfeit and pay a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars on complaint and conviction in the Mayor's court, of the said offence.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in contravention of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and dated at Detroit, this 31st day of September, A. D. 1854.
OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.
nov3-4t (Attest) RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, October 11, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, TO ALL PERSONS interested, that by order of the Common Council, a jury will be drawn on the twenty-third day of October, A. D. 1854, at 9 o'clock A. M., to enquire whether the public convenience and advantage require the vacating and opening for a street of so much of the old Cemetery (so called) as lies in the line or course of St. Antoine street, the whole width of said street; and if they find in the affirmative, then to inquire what damages (if any) the same will work to any owner or owners, occupier or occupiers, of any premises to be affected thereby, and to open the same, specifying the damages to every distinct piece of property so affected, at which time and place you are at liberty to be present, and object to any person who shall be drawn to serve on said jury, on the ground of interest.
oct12-10t RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

**PAY ASSESSMENTS
AND SAVE THE PER CENTAGE!**

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, Oct. 14, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE assessment rolls for defraying the expense of cast iron plates for the culverts across Woodbridge street, at the crossing of St. Antoine street, across Woodbridge street at the crossing of Brush street; at the crossings of Bates and Woodbridge street; across Franklin street, at the crossing of Beaubien street, and across Woodbridge street, at the crossing of Beaubien street—have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer to whom those interested may make payment until the sixth day of November, 1854, after which they will be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and five per cent. for collection added.
oct16-20d RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

**PAY PAVING ASSESSMENTS
AND SAVE THE PER CENTAGE.**

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, Oct. 14, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE assessment rolls for taking up and re-laying the pavement on Woodbridge street, from the eastern curb of Third street to the centre of Second street, and from the centre of Second street to the line of sidewalk on the east side of said street on Woodbridge street, have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom those interested may make payment until the sixth day of November, 1854, after which they will be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and five per cent. for collection added.
oct16-20d RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Nov. 28, 1854.

The Council was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present—The Recorder, and Aldermen Craig, Doyle, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

From Michael Martz, for permission to enter a sewer from lot 5, Berthlet alley, to main sewer on Randolph street. Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

From Geo. Duffield, D. Bethune Duffield and Warham S. Brown, to enter sewer from their residences on Woodward Avenue, under the direction of the City Surveyor. Granted.

Of Anton Kramer and others, for six foot side walk from Whitney street to connect with walks already built on west side of Beaubien street.—Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of John King, for new side walk on the west side of Bates street, in front of property rented by the city to the Board of Education, and for cross walk across alley on the north side of Larned street, between Bates street and Woodward Avenue. Referred to Street Commissioner, with power.

Of William Caldwell, and others for a six foot side walk on the west side of Centre street, from Grand River to John R street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of C. Hastings and C. G. Blindbury for correction of erroneous assessments.

Of Lewis Kunze, for the taking up and relaying pavement in front of his house on the south-west corner of Woodbridge and Beaubien streets, to abate a nuisance from standing water caused by the grade being too low. Referred to Committee on streets.

Of James A. Girardin, and F. Mayhew, relative to old cemetery. Referred to Committee on streets.

Of Levi Cook and C. Wickware, for side walk on southeast side of Congress street, from Griswold to Shelby street, where required. Referred to Street Commissioner, with power.

Of Chauncey Moore, and others, for Gas Lamp on corner of Brush and Larned streets.

Also for repair of side walk on west side of Brush street, between Jefferson Avenue and Larned street.

That portion of petition for gas lamp referred to Committee on Gas Lights, and that relative to side walks, to the Street Commissioner.

Of Levi Bishop, President of the Board of Education, relative to extension of time for collecting school tax.

Of Wade & Co., relative to removing market and public buildings. Laid on table.

Of the Marshal of Monroe, for payment for arrest of prisoner. Referred to Committee on Claims.

REPORTS.

From City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him: Michael Henderson and others, labor on High and Brush streets, \$195 13; John Clark, labor opening sewer at the corner of At water and Griswold streets, \$2 50; Flattery & Brothers, tables, &c., for Council, \$19; William Knowles, building culverts, \$15 15; J. Andrews, ringing city time to Dec. 1, \$12 50; Samuel French, repairing paved streets and relaying pavements, \$72 88; Samuel French, paving, repairing paved streets, and grading side walks, \$37 95; F. & W. Schimmel, printing and advertising, \$6 75; John Miller, labor on streets,

\$2; Samuel French, extra grading in paved streets, \$129 50; David Kendall, building cross and side walks, &c., \$37 24; John Slater, binding Council proceedings, \$27; expenses of election, \$209. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the Mayor, list of 22 policemen on the day of election, and recommending that they be paid \$2 per day each, together with the constables.

The Mayor called the Recorder to the chair.

Ald. Hull moved to refer to Committee on Claims. Lost. Yeas, 2; Nays, 12.

The report was then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Craig, Doyle, Finehart, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and the Recorder (acting Mayor)—12.

Nays—Ald. Hull and Wilcox, 2.

From the City Treasurer, evidences of debt received into the City Treasury since last report:

Interest Fund -	-	-	\$2,855 38
Sinking Fund -	-	-	3,083 08

\$5,938 44

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the City Attorney, an ordinance relative to public porters and runners.

Read once, and laid on table.

From the City Marshal, list of property from which he had been unable to collect paving assessments. Referred to City Attorney.

From the same, recommending the appointment of Patrick McGinnis as Assistant Marshal.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred sundry petitions for side and cross walks, respectfully beg leave to report in favor of ordering a new side walk on the east side of Fifth street, from Grand River street to Orchard street; also that a side walk be ordered on the south side of Larned street, from Randolph street to Beaubien, where it is necessary.

Adopted. JOHN KING, Street Com'r.

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons for a new side walk on the south side of Walnut street, from Grand River street to Seventh street, respectfully beg leave to report that there is no side walk on said street, and he finds, on enquiry, that the property owners, or a majority of them, who will have to pay for said walk, do not want it built at present. I therefore ask leave to refer the petition back to your honorable body, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Adopted. JOHN KING, Street Com'r.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons relative to the situation of Seventh street, respectfully beg leave to report that the petitioners state the facts in the case, but there is no money belonging to the road fund in the eighth ward unexpended, and I do not know of any way by which said work can be paid for, however necessary. The road tax levied in said ward this year amounted to eight hundred and fifty-nine dollars and seventeen cents, about three hundred and ten dollars of which has been spent in the streets under my supervision. The balance, or a great portion of it, was spent by the Alderman and Deputy Marshal in abating nuisances during last summer, and unless the amount thus expended will be refunded to the road fund, it will be impossible to do any work on the streets before another year.

Adopted. JOHN KING, Street Com'r.
From the Committee on Streets, recommending

that \$30 be paid L. T. McQuivy in full, for damages to horse and buggy, caused by the improper manner in which the plate was placed over a gutter on Bates street. Adopted.

The committee on gas, to whom the petitions of N. Strong, Jas. Williams, and others, ask leave to state that they have had the same under consideration, and are fully of opinion that there is great need of lamp posts in many places where the gas pipes are already laid. Your committee have ordered 20 lamp posts, which will soon be ready, and placed at points where most needed.

Adopted. H. H. LEROY.

From Com. on Fire Department,
Resolved, That the City Auditor be authorized to draw a warrant for one hundred dollars in favor of Abijah Joy for his services as First Engineer during the past year.

Adopted, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Craig, Doyle, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and the Recorder, acting Mayor—12.

Nays—Ald. Hull and Wilcox—2.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Mayhew,

Resolved, That the appointment of Patrick McGinnis, made by the Mayor, and recommended by the City Marshal, be confirmed, and that he receive \$1 50 per day for his services from the date of his appointment, until further action of the Council. Adopted.

Resolved, That the City Auditor purchase one of Gaston & Johnson's new maps for the use of the city.

Ald. Craig moved to refer to Committee on Fine Arts. Withdrawn.

The resolution was then referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

By Alderman Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause all pools to be repaired and put in good order forthwith. Adopted.

By Alderman Lyon.

Resolved, That the Gas Company be requested to erect a lamp post on the south-east corner of Franklin and Hastings streets. Referred to Committee on Gas.

By Alderman Martin,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be directed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the payment of the Inspectors of election. Adopted.

By Ald. Martin.

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings report at the next meeting of the Council the cost of an appropriate tower or belfry and bell. Adopted.

By Ald. Martin.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to excavate and form a ditch or drain on Larned street, commencing on the east side of 7th street, and to connect with pools on the west side of 6th street, so as to empty into 6th street sewer. Adopted.

By Ald. Doyle.

Resolved, That Casper Burger be permitted to enter Russell street sewer with a box drain, from lot (No. 66) corner of Russell and Congress streets, under direction of the City Surveyor.

Adopted.

By Ald. Patton,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be authorized to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer for \$500, in favor of the officers that arrested the persons who desecrated the Scotch church, this being the amount of the reward offered by the Mayor upon conviction of such person or persons. Those persons are now in State Prison for that offence. Laid on table.

By Ald. Patton,

Resolved, That the Assistant Marshal be required to give the necessary bonds for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the City Marshal be and is hereby directed to notify the owner or owners of lot No. 44, in section one, to abate forthwith a nuisance on said premises. Adopted.

Ald. Lyon moved to change the night of meeting of Council to Wednesday.

Several amendments were offered, and the question laid on the table.

Ald. Craig offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to purchase of Jones & Hitchcock, of Troy, N. Y., a fire alarm bell for the use of the city of Detroit, of not less weight than eight thousand pounds, agreeable to their proposition dated Nov. 8, 1854.

Ald. Lyon moved to insert 4,000 for 8,000, and that the bell be placed in the tower of the First Presbyterian Church.

On motion the Council adjourned for two weeks. RICHARD STARKY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 6.

The Council met, and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde, who then announced the death, on the 4th inst., of Hon. John Ladue.

Ald. Ingersoll offered the following:

Whereas, This Council has heard with deep regret of the decease of Hon. John Ladue, late Mayor of this city.

And whereas, The city has lost one zealously devoted, both in his official capacity, and as a private citizen, to its interests—the poor and needy one of the warmest and most benevolent of friends and assistants—and society one of its brightest ornaments; therefore,

Resolved, That the Common Council and city officers meet at this Hall at 2½ P. M. to-morrow, to attend the funeral of the lamented deceased.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family and friends of the deceased.

The Recorder, Wm. A. Cook, Esq., made a few appropriate remarks relative to the deceased, and supported the preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKY, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE

Relative to Cabs, Hackney Coaches, Carriages, Omnibuses, and other Vehicles.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR, RECORDERS, ALDERMEN AND FREEMEN OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, IN Common Council convened:

Sec. 1. The City Clerk may issue a License, under the corporate Seal of the City, to any trust-worthy person or persons, of the age of twenty-one years, or upwards, who shall be resident of said city, authorizing such person or persons, to keep Cabs, Hackney Coaches, Carriages, Omnibuses, or other vehicles, for hire, upon such person, or persons, complying with the provisions of this Ordinance, and giving proper security, and upon paying five dollars to the City Treasurer for every Cab, Hackney Coach, Carriage, Omnibus or other vehicle, authorized to be kept by such License. Such Licensee shall state the number of each Cab, Coach, Carriage, Omnibus or other vehicle allowed to be kept under said License, with the name of the person to whom it is granted, and shall, in all cases, continue in force for the period of one year next ensuing the date thereof. And no person shall keep, or use any Hackney Coach, Cab, Carriage, Omnibus, or other Vehicle, for hire, in said city of Detroit, without being Licensed as aforesaid; and, in case any person shall keep or use any such Hackney Coach, Carriage, Cab, Omnibus, or other vehicle, for hire, without having taken out license for that purpose, as aforesaid, he shall, upon conviction of the offense, be

the Mayor's Court, pay a fine of ten dollars and costs of prosecution.

Sec. 2. Every person to whom a License shall be granted, as provided for in the foregoing Section, shall execute a Bond, to the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Freemen of the City of Detroit, in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the City Auditor; conditioned, that such person will pay all fines, costs, penalties or damages, for which he may become liable, on account of the use of any Cabs, Hackney Coaches, Carriages, Omnibuses, or other vehicles, kept or used by such person, under his License, as aforesaid; and no License shall be of any validity until such Bond has been duly executed and filed with the City Clerk.

Sec. 3. The prices which may be charged by the owners, or drivers, of Hackney Coaches, Cabs, Carriages, Omnibuses, or other vehicles, shall not exceed as follows, viz: For conveying one person, for each drive, less than an hour, twenty-five cents; for conveying two or more persons, for each drive, less than one hour, twenty-five cents for each person; for the use of a Cab, Carriage, Hackney Coach, or other vehicle, (except an Omnibus) by the hour, to carry not more than four persons, inside, at the rate of One Dollar per hour; *Provided*, That children between two and twelve years of age, shall be conveyed at one-half the foregoing rates; and infants under two years of age shall be carried free if in charge of any other person.

Sec. 4. When a Cab, Carriage, Hackney Coach, or other vehicle, shall be used for a longer time than one hour, the owner, or driver thereof, shall be entitled to charge and receive from the person or persons using the same, the sum of one dollar for each full hour the same shall have been used; and for fractional parts of an hour he shall only charge and receive at the rate of one dollar per hour, as aforesaid.

Sec. 5. For each trunk carried on any Cab, Carriage, Hackney Coach, Omnibus, or other vehicle, the owner, or driver thereof, may charge and receive the sum of twelve and one-half cents, and no more; *Provided*, That each person hiring or using any such Carriage, Cab, Omnibus, or other vehicle, shall be allowed to carry thereon any ordinary traveling bag, valise, or bundle, weighing less than forty-five pounds, free of all charge.

Sec. 6. When a Cab, Carriage, Omnibus, Hackney Coach, or other vehicle, shall be hired or used between the hours of eleven o'clock in the evening and five o'clock in the morning, the owner or driver thereof, shall be entitled to charge and receive one-half more than the rates prescribed in the foregoing section, and no more.

Sec. 7. In no case shall any person, or any number of persons, less than five, be charged for the use of a Cab, Carriage, Hackney Coach, or other vehicle, more than the sum allowed for the use thereof for one hour, unless the same shall be used more than one hour, although the person or persons using the same may have stopped at several places during the time he, she, or they may have been using such Cab, Carriage, Hackney Coach, or other vehicle.

Sec. 8. A fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars and costs of prosecution, shall be imposed by the Mayor's Court upon the owner or driver of any Hackney Coach, Cab, Carriage, Omnibus or other vehicle, who shall demand or receive higher or greater prices or rates, for the use of his Cab, Carriage, Hackney Coach, Omnibus or other vehicle, than there named and fixed by the foregoing sections of this ordinance; and a fine of ten dollars and costs of prosecution shall be imposed by the Mayor's Court upon the owner or driver of either of the foregoing named vehicles, or any other vehicles used for hire in said city, who shall unreasonably refuse or neglect to convey any person or persons within the bounds of said city, when applied to for that purpose, and being at the time unemployed; and the like fine shall be imposed by said Court upon the owner or driver of either of the foregoing named vehicles, or any other vehicles used for hire in said city, who shall neglect to place upon such vehicle, in a conspicuous place inside, a card, on which shall be legibly printed the number of the License under which such vehicle is used, the name of the owner thereof, and the prices or rates fixed by this ordinance for the use of Cabs, Hackney Coaches, Carriages, Omnibuses and other vehicles.

Sec. 9. All keepers of Livery Stables within said city shall pay the sum of five dollars to the City Treasurer for every Carriage, Cab, or other vehicle which they may at any time place on a public stand, or run as a public conveyance within said city; and all Carriages or other vehicles placed by any Livery Stable keeper on a public stand, shall be regularly numbered, and subject to all the provisions hereinbefore contained relative to rates or prices of conveyance; and in case any Livery Stable keeper shall place a Carriage or other vehicle on a public stand without paying the said sum of five dollars to the City Treasurer, and placing a number on his carriage, or other vehicle, he shall, upon conviction of the offence in the Mayor's Court, be fined ten dollars and costs of prosecution.

Sec. 10. No hotel keeper who may keep an omnibus, carriage or other vehicle, for the purpose of carrying passengers to and from steamboats and railroad depots, or other places in said city, shall be permitted to use the same for carrying any person or persons for hire in and through said city, except on taking out a License according to the provisions of section one of this ordinance, and paying the regular fee therefor; and for every violation of the provisions of this section, the person or persons offending, on conviction in the Mayor's Court, shall be fined ten dollars and costs of prosecution.

Sec. 11. The Mayor's Court, in its discretion, may order any person or persons found guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, to be imprisoned in the common jail of Wayne County for a term not exceeding ninety days, besides the fines and costs hereinbefore authorized; and the Mayor or Recorder, or any three Aldermen of the city, may at any time revoke the License of any person who shall be found guilty of having violated any of the provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 12. In all cases where complaints shall be made by a stranger or non-resident of said city for a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, and the person or persons complained of shall be found guilty, upon trial in the Mayor's Court, or shall plead guilty, the complainant shall be entitled to receive one-half of the fine imposed upon the person or persons complained of, after the same has been collected and paid to the City Treasurer; and it shall be the duty of the City Treasurer, on receiving such fine, to pay one-half thereof to such complainant, on demand, and take a receipt therefor.

Sec. 13. All sleighs, cutters or other conveyances used by persons for hire, within said city, during the season of sleighing, shall be subject to all the provisions of this ordinance in regard to rates or prices of hire for cabs, carriages, hackney coaches, omnibuses or other vehicles.

Sec. 14. The City Clerk shall keep a register of the names of all persons licensed according to the provisions of this ordinance, in which shall be stated the number and date of the License granted to each person, and the number of cabs, carriages, coaches, omnibuses, or other vehicles allowed to be kept or used under each License; and at the time of granting each License, the Clerk shall give to the person or persons taking the same, a number for each of the vehicles allowed to be kept by such person or persons, and also enter such number on his Register; and every person taking out a License as aforesaid, shall forthwith place or caused to be placed, in conspicuous figures, on the outside of the door or doors of each vehicle kept or used under such License, the number given him by the City Clerk, as aforesaid; and in case there are no doors to such vehicle, the number shall be placed on both sides of the box of such vehicle, in a conspicuous place. Any person or persons failing to comply with the provisions of this section, on conviction thereof, in the Mayor's Court, shall be fined ten dollars and costs of prosecution.

Sec. 15. Chapter thirty two of the Revised Ordinances of 1848, and all ordinances in any way conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 16. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the first of December next.

Ordained and dated at Detroit, this twenty-second day of November, A. D. 1854.

OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.

[Attest] RICHARD STARKER, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Dec. 12, 1854.

The Council was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present, the Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Rogersoll, Leroy, Martin and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of H. E. Patterson and others, for a six foot cross walk across Michigan Avenue on the east side of Fourth street.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of W. Banninghausen and others, for side-walks on both sides of Chestnut street, from Dequindre to Riopelle street.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of George S. Hommal, relative to taxes and assessments.

Referred to Recorder, Attorney, and Committee on Taxes.

Of Thomas Knight, relative to an insane pauper. Referred to Recorder and City Attorney.

Of W. Knowles and Wm. Gibbings, for payment for a drain in St. Antoine street, built by them, and erroneously assessed.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of James Horen and others, relative to private sewer in alley in Eighth ward. Laid on table.

Of Benj. Sparling, for reward for arresting persons committing depredations on Scotch Church.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

Of A. S. Johnson, for same. Laid on table.

The following communication was received from the President of the Board of Water Commissioners:

OFFICE OF WATER WORKS,
Detroit, Nov. 11, 1854.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit, herewith, a copy of a resolution of the Board of Water Commissioners, showing that that portion of the sum of money originally stated to be necessary for the construction of the Water Works of this city, which was obtained by loan under your authority and the sanction of the Legislature, has been expended, and that the completion of the works according to the original design will require an additional sum of like amount.—It is also made my duty, by the terms of the resolution, to respectfully request that the Common Council will ask of the Legislature, at its coming session, the passage of a law authorizing the Board to make a further loan for the purpose stated.

When this also shall have been expended, all of which would not have been required if the amount originally estimated for had been granted, the Commissioners are of opinion that no immediate necessity will exist, in the ordinary course of things, for any increase of the debt; and their present plans and aims do not contemplate it, unless, and until, the present population doubles.

The entire loan, obtained under the act of February, 1853, has been expended wholly in the construction of new works. The details of expenditure during the season of 1853 were shown in the last annual report of the Board. A report in detail of the operations and expenditures during the year of 1854 will be made as soon after its close as the accounts and statistics can be prepared.

The results obtained, under the expenditures up to this point, may be stated in general terms to be these:

The embankment of the new reservoir, which covers four acres of ground, has been raised to an average elevation of six feet. The inlet, outlet, connecting, waste and cleaning pipes, have been put in. The position of the sewer under the embankment, connected with the waste weir, has been built. All the stop cocks connected with the pipes under the embankments have been set. The greater portion of the work on the stop cock vaults has been done. One-third of the work of the reservoir, which is to rise twenty-four feet higher, is completed.

Twenty miles of iron pipes, ranging from three to twenty-four inches of interior diameter, have been laid.

One hundred and twenty six stop cocks, ranging from three to twenty-four inches interior diameter, have been put in.

One hundred and thirty-two fire plugs (hydrants), with a largely increased discharge compared with former ones, have been attached to the pipes.

The dock at the Engine House has been rebuilt, the old sluice-way filled in, a substantial fence constructed around the dock property, and a shop built and stocked for the finishers and blacksmiths engaged in making the stop cocks, fire plugs, and other parts of the works.

The tower has been repaired, and is now in a perfectly substantial condition.

This statement covers the operations, in construction, of two seasons, and includes some of the work specified in the last annual report.—The work of extending the iron pipes, which, in the aggregate, forms the most expensive item of the cost of the works, has been pushed as vigorously as was permitted by an economical appli-

cation of the money, and demanded by the accession of ten thousand inhabitants to our population in the last two years.

The works are generally in good condition, and are supplying more water with a more effective head than ever before. Unless they are kept up to a point commensurate with our growth, their neglect will entail the same evils that have been so lately remedied.

During the progress of the expenditure of the loan, the Commissioners have received interest on all the unexpended portion of it, from the time it was made, equal to the interest they paid.

The authority to make a loan is intended to be exercised only when, in the opinion of the Commissioners, it can judiciously be done.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obt' servant,

E. A. BAUSE,

Pres't of the Board of Water Com'rs.

Referred to Special Committee to propose amendments to charter, &c.

REPORTS.

From the Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

Patrick Conelly, for plastering, repairing, and setting glass for engine houses, \$23 21; do., for amount paid for sawing 134 cords of wood for engine houses, \$3 13; salaries of officers \$668 34; Thos. Hurst, labor on streets, \$127 13; Wm. McCoy, burying 107 dead dogs, cats, and pigs, \$12 45; James Love, police at polls, \$1 50; John King, expended for labor on streets, \$62 50; L. B. Willard, relief of 554 paupers in November, \$246 21; *Daily Advertiser*, advertising proclamations, &c., \$31 47; John Clark, labor, &c., on streets, \$45 38; Thos. McCann, labor on streets, \$9 75; Peter Casman, repairing fire engines, \$113 25; F. Wetmore, gas stand light, and repairing pipes and burners, \$11 63; F. Scheizer, bar for door of engine house No. 7, \$1 00; Henry Willets, ringing fire alarm, \$2 00; G. W. Hudson, wood for engine houses, \$24 13.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

I beg leave to report to your honorable body, that the Collector of the 8th Ward has, up this date, neglected to pay into the treasury the taxes collected by him. Collectors are required by the city ordinances to pay over moneys collected once a week to the City Treasurer, and report to the Council once a week the amount collected, neither of which has been done by said collector.

Respectfully, CHAS. PELTIER,

Detroit, Dec. 12, 1854.

City Auditor.

Accepted, and Auditor instructed to commence necessary proceedings in the matter.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred sundry petitions for side walks respectfully asks leave to report in favor of ordering new side walks to be built on the west side of Centre street, from John R. street to Grand River street; on the west side of Beaubien street, from Whitney street, to connect with walks already built on said Beaubien street.

Accepted. JOHN KING, St. Commissioner.

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of J. C. Gorton and others relative to nuisance on lots 1 and 2 on the north side of Congress street, lots 1 and 2 south side of Fort street, Antoine Beaubien Farm, respectfully begs leave to report that a nuisance does exist on said lots, and respectfully recommends that the proper officer of the Council be directed to abate the same according to the city ordinances.

Accepted and adopted. JOHN KING, St. Commissioner.

From the same in favor of claim of Samuel French for \$38.99, Referred to auditor.
To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned respectfully submits to your honorable body the following assessment rolls for cross walks, as made according to city ordinances, and asks that they may be confirmed:

Cross walks across—

Alley on the west side First street, between Abbott street and Michigan avenue.

Abbott street, west side First street.

Alley on the west side First street, between Howard and Lafayette streets.

Alley on west side First street, between Abbott and Howard streets.

Alley on north side Plumb street, between Second and Third streets.

Howard street, on the west side First street.

Two alleys, south side of Jones street, between Second and Third streets.

Alley between Woodbridge and Atwater streets, on west side of Griswold street.

Shelby street, on north side of Congress street.

Columbia street, on east side of Brush street.

Alley between Woodbridge and Larned streets, on the west side of Second street.

Grand River street, on east side of Farrar street.

Alley between Miami avenue and Centre street, south side of Grand River street.

Gratiot street, on east side of Randolph street.

Alley between Jefferson avenue and Woodbridge street, on east side of Griswold street.

Orleans street, north side of Lafayette street.

Centre street, on the south side of John R. street.

Alley between Centre street and Madison avenue, south side of John R. street.

Michigan avenue, east side of Griswold street.

Griswold street, south side of State street.

Fifth street, north side of Woodbridge street.

Woodbridge street, west side of Fifth street.

Alley on south side Montcalm street, between Woodward avenue and Park street.

Alley on the north side of Montcalm street, between Woodward avenue and Park street.

Alley on the south side of Earl street, between Woodward avenue and Park street.

Lafayette street and Michigan avenue, on west side of Griswold street.

Alley between State street and Monroe avenue, on the east side of Farrar street.

Alley on south side of Congress street, between Russell and Riopelle streets.

Lafayette street, on the west side of First street.

Orleans street, south side of Macomb street.

Do. north side of Clinton street.

Do. north side of Jay street.

Orleans street, north side of Waterloo street.

Do. south side of Jay street.

Do. south side of Waterloo street.

Do. south side of Clinton street.

Do. north side of Chestnut street.

Do. north side of Maple street.

Do. south side of Maple street.

Do. north side of Catherine street.

Do. south side of High street.

Do. north side of High street.

Do. north side of Mullett street.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Dec. 11th, 1854. Accepted and adopted.

From the Recorder and Attorney recommending that the case of C. G. Blindbury be included in the act proposed to be presented to the next Legislature to correct erroneous assessments.

Adopted.

The Mayor called the Recorder to the Chair.
To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned respectfully asks leave to report that he has, since the 17th of last October, granted permission to the following persons to connect drains from the respective with the public sewers: To Gideon Boullia, to connect a drain from lot 176, North Gratiot Road, with the public sewer on Beaubien street; to Charles Stahelin, to connect a drain from lot 10, block 20, Crane & Wesson's subdivision Forsyth farm, with the public sewer on Fifth street; to Isaac Aldman, to connect a drain from lot 170, North Gratiot road, Lambert Beaubien farm, with the public sewer on Gratiot street; to John Pulsiver, from lot 6, block 2, Labross farm, with the public sewer on 6th street; to Henry Hack, from lot 7, Mullett farm, with public sewer on Russell street; to John Depitt, from south ½ of lot 35, Crane & Wesson's subdivision Lambert Beaubien farm, with public sewer on Beaubien street; to Mr. Rankin, from lot 15, block 8, Brush farm, with the public sewer on Brush street; to Louis Chagnon, from lot 2, north Fort street, Charles Moran farm, with the public sewer on Fort street; to Michael Hayes, from lot 28, sec. 2, subdivision of Mansion House property, with public sewer in alley north Jefferson Avenue, between Cass and First streets; to William O'Donnell, from lot 5, block 42 Labross farm, with the public sewer on Seventh street; to Messrs. Ladue & Ellred, from lot B, north of Atwater street, Mullett farm, with the public sewer on Rivard street.

JOHN KING, Street Com'r.

Dec. 12, 1854.

Accepted.

From the City Clerk, bond of P. McGinnis with C. O'Flynn and Jeremiah Calnon as sureties. Accepted.

From the City Attorney, "an ordinance to amend Sec. 3 of an ordinance entitled an ordinance relative to cabs, hackney coaches, carriages, omnibuses and other vehicles."

Read once and laid on table.

From Committee on Claims, in favor of allowing Benj. Sparling for arrest and conviction of persons committing depredations in the Scotch Presbyterian Church in June last, \$333 33

Francis X. Cicott, for same, 83 34

A. S. Johnson, for same, 83 33

Accepted and adopted, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Leroy, Martin, Wilcox, and Recorder, acting Mayor—11.

Nays—Ald. Craig—1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The ordinance relative to gunpowder and gun-cotton was taken from the table and the first three sections read and amended.

On motion of Ald. Ingersoll, the ordinance was laid on the table.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Wilcox:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the sidewalk in front of the 7th Ward School-house, (Lots No. 177, 178, and 179,) in the 6th Ward, to be repaired forthwith.

By Ald. Ingersoll:

Resolved, That the City Attorney be instructed to bring in an ordinance defining the meaning of the words "ordinary," "grocery," and "victualing house," as used in chapter 24 of the revised ordinances of 1848, entitled Relative to Ordinaries and Groceries. Laid on table.

By Ald. Leroy:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be and is hereby directed to draw a warrant on the City Treasurer for \$300, in favor of James Bates, to

apply on contract for putting down reservoirs.
Adopted.

By Ald. Finehart:

Resolved, That the Keeper of the City Pound be instructed to report to this Council relative to cattle impounded, sales, &c., semi-monthly, and also report all former sales.

Adopted.

By Ald. Martin:

Whereas, A large sum of the moneys collected for road district 8 has been paid during the summer months for abating nuisances, the amount remaining being insufficient to repair many of the streets in said district; be it therefore

Resolved, That one hundred dollars be loaned from contingent fund to district No. 8, the same to be refunded from the road tax of 1855, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair such streets as in his opinion are at present in a bad condition.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

By Ald. Craig:

Resolved, That the Marshal cause to be removed the obstructions in Larned Street, between Randolph street and Jefferson Avenue, without delay. Adopted.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Dec. 19, 1854.

The Council met at the usual hour, and was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present—The Recorder, Hon. Wm. A. Cook and Aldermen Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew and Wilcox.

Of Michael Young, for permission to build a small addition or back kitchen to his house on Woodbridge street, between Brush and Beaubien streets.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of the same, to be relieved from assessment in alley between Brush and Beaubien, Woodbridge and Atwater streets, as he does not use said drain, having a private drain of his own.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of James Dale Johnston, relative to numbering houses. Laid on table.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

John Ulrich, making fires and cleaning offices in City Hall, \$24; Hospital, care sick poor in November, \$112 29; S. Britton, burying eleven city paupers, and coffins for same, \$55; Samuel French, paving and repairing streets, \$34 99; Ingersoll & Dyson, box for gas meter in City Hall, \$5 63; Adam Kotz, assisting City Surveyor to Dec. 8, \$26; E. S. Leadbeater, seven cords wood for fire engine houses, \$28; Parsons & McCain, cleaning chimneys and putting up stoves in engine houses, \$11 50; John Rielly, services as Assistant Marshal from May 27 to July 25, \$75; John M. Davis, balance of salary, \$18; Wm. Knowles, repairing reservoirs, &c., \$38 36; Daniel Carroll, repairing pools in sewers, \$3 50; David Kendall, repairing walk around Grand Circus, \$1 36; William Knowles, building bridges over gutters, &c., \$19 67.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

I beg leave to report to your honorable body

that the Collector of the Eighth Ward, (who was reported by me at the last meeting of the Council as not having paid into the Treasury the city taxes collected by him,) has, within the present week, paid to the Treasurer two thousand five hundred dollars, leaving still a balance of nearly one thousand dollars in his hands, which he promises will be forthcoming in a few days.

Respectfully,

CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

Detroit, Dec. 19, 1854.

Accepted.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

I hereby present to your honorable body an assessment roll for a new cross walk, eight feet wide, across alley on north side of Larned street, between Woodward avenue and Bates street, as made according to city ordinance.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred sundry petitions for side and cross walks, respectfully asks leave to report in favor of ordering a new side walk, six feet wide, on both sides of Chestnut street, from Riopelle street to east line of city; also, a new cross walk across Michigan avenue, on the east side of Fourth street.

Respectfully,

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

December 19th, 1854.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the paving of Woodbridge-street in front of Lot No. 35, Lambert Beaubien Farm, would respectfully report that he has carefully examined the premises, and find said paving to be three inches below the established grade. Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, Dec. 19, 1854.

Referred to City Attorney.

The Committee on Sewers do most respectfully report that the Woodward Avenue sewer and the Beaubien street sewer are finished and completed in accordance with contract; we therefore recommend that the Auditor draw a warrant on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Joseph Granger, for the amount due him on the above-named sewers.

I. W. INGERSOLL,
STEPHEN MARTIN.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The special committee to whom was referred the bill reported to your honorable body by the Board of Water Commissioners of Detroit, to be presented to the Legislature at its next session for passage, authorizing said Board of Water Commissioners "to loan money for the purpose of extending and improving the water works of said city," beg leave to report that they have considered and examined said bill, and recommend that the Council join with said Board of Commissioners in requesting the Legislature to pass the same at its next session. All which is respectfully submitted.

Detroit, Dec. 19, 1854.

WM. A. COOK, Recorder:

E. A. LANSING.

Accepted.

WM. BARCLAY.

[For report and bill see appendix.]

The Mayor called the Recorder to the chair, and addressed the Council in opposition to the adoption of the report.

The report was then adopted as follows: Yeas, Ald. Barclay, Duncan, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Wilcox, and the Recorder, acting Mayor—9.

Nays—Ald. Craig, Doyle, Martin, and Mayhew

Ald. Craig, on leave of the Council, changed his vote, so that the report was adopted by yeas 10, nays 3.

The special committee to report amendments to city charter, and the Committee on Alms, reported several amendments, and a bill creating alms house, &c. Accepted and unanimously adopted.

[For report and bill see appendix.]

On motion, 500 copies of the report and bill relative to loan by Water Commissioners, and the reports and bills of the two committees, were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

D. L. Shaw, keeper of City Pound, reported list of receipts and expenditures to Nov. 1.

Receipts - - - - - \$65 06

Expenditures - - - - - 54 94

Accepted and referred to Committee on Pound.

On motion, A. D. Fraser, Esq., had leave to and addressed the Council relative to proposed amendments to city charter.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the Committee on Pound be requested to inquire into the propriety of continuing the city pound, and that they have power to dispense with the same if they deem it expedient. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That J. S. Furrand have permission to connect drain in front of his lot with the Woodward Avenue sewer, under the direction of the City Surveyor. Adopted.

By Ald. Doyle,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board of Water Commissioners is hereby requested to make a detailed report of the receipts and expenditures of the Board for the last two years, as soon after two weeks from date as possible. Adopted.

By Committee on Parks,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Parks be, and are hereby, requested to procure a plat or plan of East Park, laying out and dividing the ground in such manner as they may deem most advisable for its future improvement, and report the same at the next regular meeting of the Council. Adopted.

By Ald. Hull,

Resolved, That the City Auditor notify the sureties of the Collector of the Eighth Ward that, unless the moneys are paid in to the City Treasurer, collected by him, forthwith, proceedings will be commenced for the recovery of the same immediately. Adopted.

By Ald. Doyle,

Resolved, That a further time of eleven days be extended to John Hilsendegan, Collector of the Seventh Ward, to complete his collection in said Ward, and that a new warrant be granted therefor. After several amendments the resolution was lost.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the City Attorney inquire into and report to this Council, whether that part of Russell and Larned streets, fenced in by P. Tregent as private property, belongs to said Tregent, or any part of the same, or by what authority said streets have been inclosed. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the Mayor appoint a special committee who shall engage the bell in the Baptist Church to ring for the use of the city. Adopted.

The Mayor appointed as such committee Ald. Craig, Lansing and Duncan.

By Ald. Craig,

Whereas, Anthony Dudgeon has refused to

pay the taxes imposed upon him for the present; therefore,

Resolved, That the Collector of the Seventh Ward be authorized to take the same measures for the collection of said tax as the Collector of the Third Ward was authorized to adopt in the case of Theodore H. Eaton. Adopted.

Resolved, That the fire watch in the cupola of the National Hotel be discharged. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Whereas, It appears by affidavits on file that due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property in the alley lying between lots Nos. 29 and 30, Berthelet's subdivision, south of Atwater street, in the city of Detroit, and to all others interested, that the Common Council would, on this, the 19th December inst., meet and review the reports and assessment rolls filed by the City Clerk on the 13th November, A. D. 1854, to defray the expense of paving the alley in front of, or adjacent to, the above described premises; and

Whereas, No person has appeared before the Common Council to object to said assessment or the confirmation thereof; therefore

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and names of persons contained therein are correct; and the sums which the assessment rolls state to be the correct ones which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same, according to law. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

PAY ASSESSMENTS AND SAVE THE PER CENTAGE.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, November 24, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE AS-
essment rolls for paving Cass street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; on Wayne street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; on Shelby street, from the south curb of Jefferson avenue to the north curb of Woodbridge street; on Bates street, from the centre of Larned street to the south curb of Congress street; on Larned street, from the centre of Brush street to the centre of Beaubien street; on Bates street, from the north curb of Jefferson avenue to the centre of Larned street; on Larned street, from the east curb of Woodward avenue to the west curb of Bates street; on Larned street, from the east curb of Bates street to the centre of Randolph street; on Larned street, from the centre of Brush street to the centre of Randolph street; on Randolph street, from the north curb of Jefferson avenue to the south curb of Larned street; on the alley west of Jefferson avenue, between Woodbridge street and Atwater street, have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom those interested may make payment until the 16th day of December, next, after which time they will be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and five per cent. for collection added.
nov25-20t RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

PAY PAVING ASSESSMENTS AND SAVE THE PER CENTAGE.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, December 7, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:
To A. W. Elmer, Mrs. Victoria Cole, David Cooper, Nelson Tomlinson, and the owners and occupants of property on the Alley lying between lots number twenty-nine and thirty of Berthelet's subdivision of south Atwater street, in the city of Detroit and State aforesaid, and to any other person or persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 19th day of December, A. D. 1854, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Council Room, in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

By order of the Common Council.

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RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Dec. 26, 1854.

The Council was called to order by His Honor the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present—The Recorder, and Aldermen Craig, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Samuel French, for pay for paving, due by the city, on Larned and Bates streets.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Of Francis Palma, for correction of an error in assessment rolls.

Referred to the City Auditor, Recorder, and Attorney

Of Jeremiah Moynahan, for pay for supporting a pauper.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means—Yeas 8, nays 2.

Of O. B. Wilmarth, for permission to repair building damaged by fire on Saturday evening.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department, with power.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him :

Jackson & Wiley, 25 lamp posts, \$375 ; A. Jordan, plan for laying out Centre Park, \$15 ; G. W. Hudson, wood for engine houses, \$18 ; Wm. McCey, burying 11 dead dogs, \$1.37 ; Thos. Campan, extra services to commission on grades for Orleans, Beaubien, St. Antoine, and Hastings streets, \$17 ; M. S. Rogers, repairs for City Hall, &c., \$28.68 ; Thos. Patton and others, watching fire, &c., \$9 ; Jas. W. Sutton, balance due on Reservoirs, \$140.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit :

On the 11th of July last a resolution was passed by your honorable body, "directing the Committee on Taxes to purchase a set of field books, and employ a competent person to prepare the same in time for next year's assessments." A set of books (one for each Board) was accordingly purchased, and cost \$28.50, which have been paid for.

These books have been left in my office, and purport to contain an accurate description of all the real estate within the limits of the city liable to be assessed for taxes for the year 1855. That they do contain such accurate description I have the assurance of Mr. J. F. Monroe, well known as a practical Surveyor, but only as to the 4th, 6th, and 8th Ward books, which were prepared by him. In regard to the others, without having made a critical examination of them, he thinks, from the examination he did make, that they are also correct. As it is of the utmost importance that these books should be accurately prepared, and as there is no evidence except as above stated that they are, I beg leave therefore to suggest that said books be referred to the City Surveyor for examination, and that he may be required to report the result thereof as soon as he can do so.

I herewith report to your honorable body an account made out in the name of A. H. Stowell and J. F. Monroe, for services in preparing the books in question, claiming an amount of \$410, and which is certified to as being correct by Aldermen Martin and Mayhew on the behalf of the Committee on Taxes. If the amount claimed is predicated upon an agreement on the part of the Committee on Taxes with said claimants, the same should not, it seems to me, be ordered

paid until there is satisfactory evidence obtained that the work has been correctly done. The amount claimed appears to me to be excessive, when it is considered that the whole of the Tax Rolls for the different wards of the city, for the present year, were done for the sum of \$200, involving, I should think, more than twice the work. If the action of the committee in this matter should be considered binding on the part of the Council, then the account will probably have to be paid ; but I would respectfully suggest whether or not such an agreement ought not to have been reported to the Council for their action and approval, before the same had been finally concluded. Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

Detroit, Dec. 26, 1854.

That portion of report relative to field books was referred to City Surveyor, and the rest of report laid on the table.

From the Attorney and Recorder, recommending that the case of John R. Budd, erroneously assessed for certain taxes, await the action of the Legislature, the same as other cases of like nature. Accepted and adopted.

From the Committee on Parks, presenting plat and plan for improving Centre Park, and recommending that the same be laid on the table for one week. Adopted.

From Committee on Sewers, recommending that petition of William Knowles and W. Gibbings be referred to Committee on Claims.

From the City Marshal, stating that the time for collecting certain paving assessments had expired, and asking that the warrants may be renewed. Referred back to Marshal for fuller report.

From the City Surveyor, an assessment roll for defraying the expenses of repairing a private box drain in the alley between Congress and Fort streets, and Beaubien and St. Antoine streets.

Accepted and adopted.

From Committee on Claims, recommending that claim of F. C. Godfrey be referred to City Attorney. Adopted.

Your committee most respectfully report that the sewers on Orleans, Gratiot, and Park streets are finished, and reported by the City Surveyor and Superintendent of Sewers to be done according to the contract ; therefore,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be ordered to draw his drafts on the Treasurer for the balance due on the above sewers in favor of Mr. Granger, the contractor.

J. W. INGERSOLL.

ISAAC FINEHART,

STEPHEN MARTIN.

From the Committee on Streets, recommending that petition of Lewis Kunze be referred to City Surveyor. Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Finehart,

Resolved, That at the request of any citizen, the keepers of the Hay Scales are directed to re weigh any load of hay weighed by them, if presented the same day. Adopted.

By Ald. Finehart,

Resolved, That the contractor of Rivard street sewer be directed to discontinue further work upon the same, after that portion now excavated shall have been completed. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the Committee on amendments to the City Charter be, and are hereby instructed to present the bill reported by them at the first session of the Council, to the Legislature at the next session, to request its passage into a law. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That so many of the warrants now in the hands of the Marshal as the Auditor shall direct, be renewed for fifteen days. Adopted.

By Ald. Martin.

Resolved, That the petition of Daniel Dunni-ran, in relation to the construction of a side-walk on the west side of Fifth street, presented to the Council on August 23, 1853, be referred to the Committee on Streets. Adopted.

By Ald. Finehart.

Resolved, That the resolution appointing Superintendents of Sewers is hereby rescinded, and that the services of any officer acting as Superintendent of Sewers be dispensed with until further required by action of the Council.

Adopted.

By Ald. Finehart.

Resolved, That the acting Superintendent of Sewers be instructed to report relative to all work under his direction. Adopted.

By Ald. Hull.

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to report to this Council all the action the Council has taken on Mr. Moynahan's bill from the year 1848 to the present time. Adopted.

By Ald. Fischer.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to cause a cross walk to be constructed across a portion of Dequindre street up to the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Bridge, on the south side of Jefferson avenue, in conformity with the side walk, forthwith.

Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2, 1855.

The Council was called to order by his Hon. the Mayor.

Present.—The Recorder, and Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Lyon, Patton, Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Margarette Lany, for permission to repair a wooden building damaged by fire on Fort Gratiot street, between St. Antoine and Rivard streets.

Referred to Committee on Fire Department, with power.

Of J. E. Kimball and others, for a side walk to build forthwith on the north side of Lewis, between Second and Third streets.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of W. Sowersby and others, for cross walks across Woodward, on south side of Columbia street, and on the north side of Elizabeth street. Same reference.

Of Thomas C. Miller, that the dirt may be removed from the corner of Jefferson avenue and Rivard street, and the same placed in a passable condition.

Referred to Marshal.

Of Edward Quigley, successor to Patrick Griffin, for correction of erroneous tax on tenement on the east half of lot 7, sec. 3, Woodbridge street.

Referred to Committee on Taxes.

Of Joseph Hack, asking leave of the Council to enter the main sewer from lots 9 and 10, on Larned street, through the alley in the rear of said lots.

Referred to Committee on Sewers, with power.

Of S. A. Baker, for cross walk across Fourth street, on the south side of Labross street.

Granted, under direction of Street Commissioners.

Communication of E. A. Brush, Chief Warden, on behalf of Board of Wardens, nominating Lewis Stevens, Fire Warden for 1st ward.

Confirmed.

The Auditor presented the following accounts audited by him:

Young & Son, cast iron plates, \$139 83; Ensebe Boule, repairing bridge and hauling plank for City Cemetery, \$3 50; Hulburt & Wheelock, ice for offices in City Hall, \$7 75; Henry L. Willetts, ringing fire alarm; Mathew Oliver, \$132 00; W. Knowles, for building bridges over gutters in front of Hook & Ladder House, repairing ladder racks, lumber and spikes; John Webster, for sundry articles furnished Engine Houses, \$37 86; Detroit Free Press, for printing handbills, &c., \$75 04; do., advertising, \$189 60; Weber & Frumviller, repairing hose, \$2 50; Ingersoll & Dyson, \$245 43; William Caverley, Assistant Marshal for Docks, Depots, &c., 41 days to Jan. 2, \$82 00; Patrick Connelly, building fires in Engine Houses to Dec. 15, 1854, \$20 00.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

From the Auditor.—All the action taken by the Common Council since the year 1848, upon the claim of Jerry Moynahan.

Accepted and laid on table.

From the same.—Claim of Detroit Gas Light Company, \$247 50 damages, caused by breaking one of their "street mains," in re-filling the ditch excavated on Rivard street for a sewer.

Referred to Recorder and City Attorney.

From the Auditor and Recorder, relative to petition of Francis Palmes, for correction of erroneous or fraudulent assessment, report a variation of \$5,000 between the original assessment and Collector's rolls, and recommended that the petitioner's name be added to those already before the Council to await the action of the Legislature.

Accepted and referred to special Committee on amendments, &c.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of Charles Byron and others, asking that the Council will include in the proposed amendments to the City Charter, a claim providing for the annexation to the City of Detroit, to be called the 9th ward of said City, of so much of the township of Springwells as lies between the west line of the City and the east line of Lafferty farm in the said town of Springwells, and south of the Chicago road, beg leave to report that, in their opinion, it is not advisable at the present time for the Council to take any action in the premises, but leave the parties interested to make their own application to the Legislature without interference from the Council either *pro* or *con*.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Cook,

Adopted.

Recorder.

From the Street Commissioner, amount expended on streets in the different wards since the 14th day of March last.

Referred to City Auditor.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

By reference to the above report which I have been directed to present to your Hon. body, it will be seen that the highway tax in each ward (under the present system of assessment) is not equalized in proportion to the wants of the respective wards. I therefore respectfully suggest that hereafter, the amount of money raised for highway taxes be proportioned with reference to the wants of the ward in which it is to be expended. The first and second wards, at present, pay nearly half the road

tax of the City, whilst the expenditure necessary in said wards is not equal to what is required in most of the other wards. Hoping your Hon. body will take this matter into consideration,

I am respectfully, JOHN KING,

Accepted and adopted. Street Commissioner.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resolution of Alderman Martin, relative to petition of Daniel Donovan, reported the same back and recommended that it be referred to the Aldermen of the 8th ward.

Adopted.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Reilly, for compensation as Assistant Marshal, from 21st March to 27th May, beg leave to report, that the resolution appointing him passed the Council on the express condition that he receive no salary for his services. Your Committee would therefore report adverse to the prayer of the petitioner.

WM. BARCLAY, } Committee.
JAMES COLLINS, }

Adopted—yeas 14, nays 0.

From the Committee on Fire Department, adverse to petition of Jonathan Teagan, to remove his building from Fort to Lafayette street.

The Recorder was called to the chair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of Ald. Hull, the resolution of Ald. Craig, to purchase a fire alarm bell of 8,000 lbs was taken up. Several amendments were proposed, when Ald. Barclay offered the following substitute, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be authorized to enter into a contract with the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, for the purchase of a bell, which shall be considered the city fire bell, and that contracting parties refund to the city the amount expended for the same at the pleasure of the Common Council.

On motion of Ald. Barclay, the "ordinance to amend section three of an ordinance entitled an ordinance relative to cabs, hackney coaches, carriages, omnibuses and other vehicles," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Ald. Barclay, the ordinance relative to gunpowder and gun cotton was taken up and referred to a special Committee of five.

The Recorder appointed as such Committee, Ald. Barclay, Craig, Hull, Patton and Ingersoll.

Ald. Barclay was excused from serving upon the Committee. Ald. Leroy was substituted as Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner notify the contractor for building the Rivard street sewer to remove the earth and put the street in order, and to open the gutters within fifteen days, and to repair the fence of Mrs. Robert Stuart; and if not done within that time, then the Street Commissioner is instructed to remove the earth and repair the street, &c., the expense to be charged to the contractor for building the sewer.

Adopted.

By Ald. Lansing,

Resolved, That the Committee to whom has been given in charge the proposed amendments to the City Charter recently adopted by the Common Council, be also authorized to enter into such an arrangement with the Legislature of this State as will secure to the city of Detroit the right, title and interest claimed by the State, in the triangle or lot of ground situate in said city, and known as the Female Seminary property, and which has recently been purchased by the city from the State authorities, with a view

to the erection of a City Hall, to contain court rooms for the accommodation of the Circuit and Supreme Courts, &c., &c.; and said Committee is hereby empowered to settle and adjust the terms on which the same can be obtained.

Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the Mayor, Recorder and City Attorney be appointed a Committee who shall examine and report to this Council amendments to the Cab Ordinance, so called.

Adopted.

By Ald. Hull,

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be requested to report to this Council at their earliest convenience the amount of paving that will be deemed necessary for the current year, and the plan on which street paving shall be done.

Adopted.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the Committee on City Pound report to this Council a suitable place for keeping cattle found running at large contrary to the ordinance.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1855.

The Council was called to order by his Hon. the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present—The Recorder, and Aldermen Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Byerly and others, for a license for one year to the "Mechanics' German Society Thalia" to give exhibitions. Referred to Committee on License.

Of Union Fire Co. No. 7, for the erection of an outbuilding and enclosure of lot. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of Richard Hawley, for permission to erect a new kitchen in place of an old one in rear of his house on the north-west corner of Brush and Larned streets. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of Neil Flattery, that a committee be appointed to confer with him relative to the purchase of the lot and engine house of Fire Co. No. 3.

On motion, referred to a special committee of three.

The Mayor appointed as such committee Ald. Leroy, Patton and Lansing.

Of Henry Gilman, for correction of erroneous assessment, and reimbursement of money paid thereon to the collector of 4th ward. Referred to Committee on Taxes.

Of Henry Acker, for correction of erroneous assessment in Sixth Ward. Same reference.

Of Peter Stauch and Peter Volkrath, trustees of the First German Reformed Church, that the amount erroneously assessed upon lot and church be remitted. Same reference.

Of Eli Laderoot, City Marshal, that the City Surveyor correct paving assessment against Mary A. Cicott. Granted.

Of E. F. Plantz, for extension of time for collecting taxes in Sixth Ward two weeks. Laid on table.

Of Sister M. De Sales, to increase pay for care of sick poor in St. Mary's Hospital to two dollars and fifty cents per week. Referred to Committee on Health and Poormaster.

Of E. B. Ward, for compensation for amount

expended for detection and arrest of burglars.—
Referred to Committee on Claims.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:—

J. Waggoner, rent of City Pound, \$18 00; W. W. Stevens, use of omnibus for committee to examine engine houses, \$4 00; Wm. Duncan, statement of amounts due on assessment rolls, \$5 00; Edward Sheppard, repairs and furnishing 15 gas lamps, \$77 25; Adam Kabes, assisting surveyor one month, \$26 00; Solomon Davis, keys for ballot boxes and offices, \$5 19; John Maloney, 450 feet of oak plank for rebuilding sidewalks, \$4 50; Wm. Knowles, repairing plank road on Woodward avenue, north of Montcalm street, \$7 00; E. Choep, pointing picks, &c., \$6 07; J. Hanshaw, hauling tan bark for engine house No. 6, \$1 00; E. McDonald, repairs on water works for engine house No. 7, \$4 00; John King, labor on streets, \$28 07; Detroit Gas Light Co., 9 lamp posts, paving around same, &c., \$131 95; do gas lights in streets and cleaning same for quarter ending Dec. 30, 1884, \$1,018 48; do gas light in City Hall for same time, \$13 30; D. Kendall, cross walks, \$12 04; W. McCoy, burying dogs, cats, pigs, &c., \$9 87; L. B. Willard, relief of paupers in December, \$428 30. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the city of Detroit:

The undersigned, your committee, to whom was referred the petition of John King praying that a Special Committee be appointed to investigate and settle all claims against the city for side and cross walks, would respectfully report that they have investigated said claims and find there is due and unpaid a very large amount to Mr. David Kendall, by whom most, if not all, the side and cross walks have been constructed for years past.

Upon investigating this matter, your committee were convinced that the utmost looseness has been observed in regard to this branch of expenditure—the same having been left to take care of itself, with such direction and control as the builder could enforce without possessing any legal power to do so, and being left at the mercy of the collecting officers to get the amount due when collected, as they felt disposed. The result has been disastrous to Mr. Kendall, who has been laying out of this large amount for a considerable period of time, and now presents his claim for what should (if proper care and attention had been given to the subject) have been long since collected and paid. These assessments were as far back as 1848, and no trace can be found of the amount due on them except by the rolls themselves, no record having been kept as to their number or as to their amounts. No legal warrants were issued to the collecting officers and consequently no accountability attached, except such as they saw fit to yield to pressing demands of the builder. After considerable delay a settlement was had between Mr. Kendall and the present City Marshal and also with the late Assistant Marshal (Mr. John Reilly,) who, we are informed, have, to the satisfaction of Mr. Kendall, accounted for the amount they had collected upon the assessment rolls delivered to them.

The amount still remaining due upon the same is as follows:

For cross walks on rolls in hands of present Marshal	384 85
For side walks on rolls in hands of present Marshal	383 86
For side and cross walks on rolls in	

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hands of Reilly	362 41
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\$931 12

Amount due on rolls in hands of Mr. Kendall	843 55
Amount due on rolls in hands of S. A. Ganson in pledge	\$181 46
Amount received on rolls by Kendall on these	59 70
Amount received on rolls by John Daly, late Marshal	39 87 161 63

Total amount due - - - \$1,936 30

This amount is claimed by Mr. Kendall to be due him from the city, and is not now disposed, after the long delay in the collection of these assessments, to await the further delay that must necessarily occur before so large an amount can be collected.

Your committee would state that there has heretofore been, and for several years, an understanding on the part of the late City Auditor and those who have constructed side and cross walks ordered by the city, that they should take the rolls for their pay. On the other hand, it is contended by Mr. Kendall that this understanding was only that he should take the rolls and collect what he could on them, but looking ultimately to the city for what should not be collected.

Your committee, under the circumstances, beg leave to say, that so far as they have been able to discover, there was not such an understanding as would free the city from liability, and would respectfully recommend that hereafter all sidewalks and crosswalks ordered to be built should be done under the control and direction of the proper officers pointed out by the ordinances regulating the same, and that a rigid accountability be exacted from the officers whose duty it is to collect the assessments made to defray the expenses thereof. Your committee can see no good reason why the same care and control should not be given to this branch of city improvements as is given to another branch—to wit, the paving of streets. Both involve equally the liability of the city, who, in turn, must look to the owners of, or to the property benefited by both departments to defray the expenses incurred.

In conclusion, we would respectfully refer the whole matter to your honorable body for such action in the premises as may be deemed proper.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor,	} Committee.
W. H. CRAIG,	
E. A. LANSING,	

On motion of Ald. Leroy, report accepted, and new warrants ordered to be issued and attached to all rolls for side and cross walks upon which any sum remains uncollected.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the city of Detroit:

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel French, asking compensation for paving done on Larned and Bates streets, in front of city property, would respectfully report that they have examined the estimates made last spring to meet this expenditure, and find it falls short of the petitioner's claim nearly \$1,000. Your committee would therefore report the petition back to your honorable body for the purpose of asking that your committee may be empowered to make such arrangements with your petitioner as will satisfy his claim, the balance over and above the amount appropriated to be drawn from any fund not

otherwise appropriated.

E. A. LANSING, } Com. on Ways
EDWARD DOYLE, } and Means. }

Accepted and adopted.

From the City Auditor, bond of James C. Parsons for taxes in the 7th Ward alleged to be erroneously assessed. Read and ordered filed.

From the Committee on Gas Lights, that a portion of the lamp posts ordered had been appropriately placed, but that the balance had not been set, owing to the delay of the Gas Company in the matter. Accepted.

From the Aldermen of the Eighth Ward, in favor of allowing claim of Daniel Donivan for \$15.15 for walks torn up and removed. Adopted.

From the special committee, consisting of the Mayor, Recorder, and City Attorney, an ordinance to amend the "cab ordinance" passed by the Council on the 24th November, 1854.

The ordinance was read the first time, and the rules being suspended, was read the second time and passed.

On leave, the following communications were read and acted upon:

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned regrets that his engagements will prevent his serving on the committee appointed by your honorable body to proceed to Lansing and urge the passage by the Legislature of the bill recommended by the Council, to amend the charter of the city. He, therefore, tenders his resignation of said committee, and asks that the Council will accept the same.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. A. COOK, Recorder.

January 9, 1855.

On motion of Ald. Wilcox, the resignation was accepted, and the Mayor and City Attorney added to the committee.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am constrained, by absolute necessity, to ask that your honorable body would grant me some relief by the payment of some portion of the claim which your committee has reported as just. I cannot wait the tardy action of the collector, in whose hands these claims may be placed for collection. I am considerably in debt for lumber and labor which has been used in constructing these walks. My creditors are out of patience waiting, and I respectfully ask that you will advance a sufficient sum to meet those demands, which can be replaced in your treasury when collected. Very respectfully,

D. KENDALL.

Referred to the Auditor and Committee on Ways and Means.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of Ald. Patton, the ordinance "for the better preservation of engine houses," was taken from the table and referred to Committee on Fire Department.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Leroy:

Resolved, That James Sutherland be, and he is hereby, appointed to superintend the disinterment and removal of the bodies buried in that part of the old cemetery which will be used by the opening and extension of St. Antoine street through said cemetery; said Sutherland to co-operate with, and be paid for his services by, Mr. Van Dyke and the other parties who have undertaken to pay the expenses of opening said street and removing the bodies. Adopted.

By Ald. Fischer:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby, directed to cause the sidewalk between Brush and Beaubien streets, on the

north side of Jefferson Avenue, to be repaired forthwith. Adopted.

By Ald. Doyle:

Resolved, That the Committee on Health and the City Physician and Poor Master visit the different public schools of the city forthwith, for the purpose of vaccinating such children as have not been vaccinated. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to cause all setting in the public streets over the sewers, which has been finished and accepted by this Board, to be repaired as soon as possible, and the expense charged to the General Sewer Fund; also to notify the Waterworks Commissioner to abate a nuisance caused by their laying pipe at or near the corner of Woodward Avenue and the alley between Adams Avenue and Elizabeth street. Adopted.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKERY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Jan. 16, 1855.

The Council was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, and Wilcox.

On motion of Ald. Barclay, the regular business was taken up.

PETITIONS.

Of the Foremen of the different Fire Companies, for the passage of an ordinance preventing boys and other persons from frequenting engine houses, and that an amount may be appropriated for taking care of the hose. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of A. J. Walten sperger, for leave to dig up the street, corner of Russell and Davidson streets, to connect drain from lot 25, section 53, Gouin farm, with the Russell street sewer. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of Nicholas Bour, to enter sewer from lot 61, Mullett farm, corner of Croghan and Russell streets. Same reference.

Of A. F. Draper, for repairs of side walk on Congress street, between Shelby and Wayne streets. Referred to Street Commissioner.

REPORTS.

Wm. Knowles, building receiver for head of Woodward avenue sewer, \$30.90; Pontiac Railroad Company, grates for sewers, \$15; Chauncey Hulburt, supplies for engine houses, \$148.01; Henry Ledyard, assessment for planking Third street, in front of engine house, \$4.25; David Kendall, repairing side and cross walks, \$3.88; Geo. E. Pomeroy, advertising proclamations, &c., \$28.75; Thomas M. Cook, two journals for Treasurer and Auditor, \$3.00; John B. Long, for horse and buggy for Committee of Board of Health to visit cemeteries; \$7.00, St. Mary's Hospital, care of sick poor for December, \$188.85; John Ulrich, making fires in City Hall offices, &c., \$24.94; salaries of officers, \$638.34; Godfrey, Dean & Laible, repairs on City Hall, \$10.31. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

From the Committee on Ways and Means and the City Auditor, in favor of allowing David Kendall \$1,000, to be charged to the "General Road Fund," on account for building side and cross walks. Accepted and adopted, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Craig, Finehart, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Wilcox and the Mayor—9.

Nays—Ald. Fischer and Hull—2

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred sundry petitions for cross walks, respectfully asks leave to report in favor of building cross walks across Woodward avenue on north side of Elizabeth street, and across Woodward avenue on the south side of Columbia street. I also respectfully suggest that cross walks be ordered across all streets and alleys where they are necessary to connect side walks already built, as ordered by the Council.

JOHN KING, Street Com'r.

January 16th, 1855.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned respectfully asks leave to present the following assessments for side walks, as made according to the city ordinance:

Side walk on the north side of Campus Martius, from Monroe avenue to Farmer street, ten feet wide.

Side walk on the north side of Croghan street, from Randolph street to Dequindre street, six feet wide.

Side walk on the north side of Macomb street, from Randolph street to Dequindre street, six feet wide.

Side walk on the west side of Park street, from Earl street to Sibley street.

Side walk on the south side of Sibley street, from Park street to Woodward avenue.

Side walk on the west side of Witherell street, from Earl street to north side of out-lot 60.

Side walk on the west side of Second street, from Woodbridge street to Front street.

Side walk on the south side of Larned street, from Randolph street to Beaubien street.

Side walk on the east side of Seventh street, from Fort street to Abbott street.

Side walk on the north side of Lewis street, from Second to Third street.

Side walk on the east side of Fifth street, from Orchard to Grand River street.

Side walk on the north side of Fort street, from First street to east line of city.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Adopted, and walks ordered laid.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the several field books prepared for the Assessors, for the year 1855, with the instruction to examine and report whether said books were correct and complete, would respectfully report to your honorable body that he has carefully examined the same, and would state that said books are very erroneous, incomplete, and unfit for Assessors to assess accordingly.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, January 16th, 1855.

Accepted and laid on table.

From Mathew Oliver, relative to sewers under his charge. Accepted.

From the Committee on Health and Poor Master, that the schools had been vaccinated.

Accepted.

From same committee, in favor of allowing St. Mary's Hospital \$2 50 for care of sick paupers. A motion was made to adopt, and lost—yeas 6, nays 6.

On motion of Ald. Barclay, the subject was referred back to committee to report whether the sick poor can be kept cheaper at any other place.

From Board of Water Commissioners, their Annual Report. Referred back for printing.

Ald. Barclay, from Special Committee, reported additional amendments to city charter, which were accepted and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to have cross walks built across all streets and alleys where he finds the same necessary, in order to connect the side walks already built or ordered by this Council, and that he be instructed to make assessments for the expense of the same. Adopted.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That Ald. Leroy and Wilcox be and are appointed two of the committee to repair to Lansing, and use their endeavors to have the amendments to our city charter passed into a law by the Legislature now in session. Adopted.

By Ald. Lansing,

Resolved, That the Special Committee of the Common Council, appointed to submit to the Legislature the amendments to the city charter, and to negotiate with the State relative to the Female Seminary property, be empowered to sign a memorial in behalf of the Council to the Legislature for that purpose. Adopted.

Ald. Craig was called to the chair.

By Ald. Leroy,

Whereas, The Gas Light Company of the city of Detroit has given notice of application to the Legislature for an increase of its capital stock, from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

And, Whereas, It is believed that the Gas Company is irregular and excessive in its charges against the city, and its consumers of gas, and that an increase of \$400,000 on the capital stock of the company would swell the charges against consumers in order to make more lucrative dividends on all its stock, whether fictitious or real, and would be injurious to the citizens of Detroit.

Now, therefore, inasmuch as the said company is a local institution, designed for the benefit of the city, where its gas is exclusively consumed, it is

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State be, and they are hereby, respectfully requested to refuse said application for any increase of capital stock, unless the company shall furnish satisfactory evidence that the amount required is necessary to liquidate claims now existing against said company, and shall also, as a compensation of capital whatever increased, relinquish to the corporation of the city and Council, and annul the right claimed by the company of the exclusive privilege to lay gas pipe in said city.

Adopted.

Ald. Lyon moved to reconsider. Lost.

Yeas—Ald. Collins, Hull, and Lyon—3.

Nays—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Finehart, Fischer, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, and Wilcox—8.

The Council adjourned.

R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

DETROIT, Oct. 4, 1854.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT sealed Proposals will be received at this office until Monday, the 2d inst., at 12 o'clock M., for the building of twelve reservoirs, to be located as follows:

- 1 corner of Congress and Bates street
- 2 " Grand River and Cars street
- 3 " Washington avenue and John R. street
- 4 " Madison avenue and Randolph street
- 5 " Beaubien and Croghan street
- 6 " Croghan and Hastings street
- 7 " Congress and Russell street
- 8 " Rivard street and Jefferson avenue
- 9 " Congress and St. Antoine streets
- 10 " Congress and Shelby streets
- 11 " High and John R. streets
- 12 " Cass street and Jefferson avenue

Said reservoirs to be built according to plans and specifications on file in this office, and to be completed on or before the 15th day of December next, and to be accepted and approved by the Committee on Fire Department.

By order of the Common Council.

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CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

THURSDAY, Jan. 18.

The Council was called to order by His Honor the Recorder and acting Mayor, Wm. A. Cook, who stated the object of the session.

Present, Ald. Collins, Craig, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, and Patton.

Ald. Lyon offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolutions passed by this body on the 16th day of January inst., requesting the Legislature of this State to refuse the application of the Detroit Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, and the preamble to said resolutions, were passed under a misapprehension of facts on the part of a majority of this Council, and that the same be and they are hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That we have the evidence before us that a large number of citizens desire the extension of the pipes of said Company to their premises, and that this cannot be done without an increase of the capital of the Company; that we have full confidence in the Directors and officers of said Company, who are amongst our best citizens; and that we believe the granting of their present petition to the Legislature for the authority to increase their capital stock, will much subserve the interests and convenience of many of our citizens, and furnish a large amount of labor to our working classes, and produce no injury to any. And we therefore recommend the action asked for at the hands of the Legislature.

By leave, Thos. W. Lockwood and Peter E. Demill addressed the Council.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Jan. 23, 1855.

Council met, and was called to order by His Honor the Recorder, Wm. A. Cook.

Present—Aldermen Craig, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, and Mayhew.

There being no quorum present, the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE PASSED ON THE TWENTY-second day of November, 1854, entitled "An Ordinance relative to Cabs, Hackney Coaches, Carriages, Omnibuses, and other vehicles."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR, RECORD-ER and Aldermen and freemen of the City of Detroit, in Common Council convened:

SECTION 1. That an Ordinance passed on the twenty-second day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled "An Ordinance relative to Cabs, Hackney Coaches, Carriages, Omnibuses and other vehicles," be, and the same is hereby amended by adding to section seven of said Ordinance, the words following: "Nor shall any person, or any number of persons, be charged more than the sum of fifty cents for the use of any Cab, Carriage, Hackney Coach or other vehicle, where the same has been used any length of time not exceeding half an hour, notwithstanding the person or persons using the same may have stopped at several places during the time of using such Cab, Carriage, Hackney Coach, or other vehicle."

SEC. 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and dated at Detroit, this ninth day of January, A. D. 1855. OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.

[Attest] RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk. Jan 11-4t

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE assessment rolls for grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings on Woodbridge street, from the centre of St. Antoine street to the centre of Rivard street, and on alley east of Woodward avenue, between Woodbridge street and Atwater street, have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom those interested may make payment until the third day of October, A. D. 1854, after which they will be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and five per cent. added, for collection.

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RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

TUESDAY, January 30, 1855.

The Council was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, Oliver M. Hyde.

Present—The Recorder, and Aldermen Collins, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Charles Jackson, for permission to remove a wood building from its present location in the alley in rear of lot No. 2, to the rear of the adjoining lot No. 54, sec. 8, Governor and Judges' plan. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of Margaret Lang, to be allowed to rebuild building on Fort Gratiot street. Granted.

Of John King, Street Commissioner, asking that the provisions of an ordinance of 1843, relative to entering grand sewer, be extended to all public sewers. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of Wm. M. Marshall and others, for side walk on the south side of Walnut street, from Sixth to Seventh streets. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Dennis Lanigan, relative to "stink trap" for sewers. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

A communication of O. B. Dibble, upon the same subject, was referred to the same committee.

Of John Bowley, for payment of damages sustained by him in consequence of bad condition of streets in the city. Referred to Committee on Claims.

Of John Clancy, for damages for removing lard from his factory last summer. Same reference.

Memorial of James D. Johnston, for an appropriation of \$500 for taking census of the city in 1853-4. Same reference.

Of Nickel Rash, for correction of assessment for city tax, &c. Referred to Committee on Taxes.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, accounts allowed by him:

E. P. Christian, vaccinating in public schools, \$148 75; John Rumney, one lb. star candles for Third Ward poll, \$0 31; E. S. Leadbeater, 24 cords wood for engine houses, \$104 00; John Budei and others, watching fire on Shelby street, September 24th, \$6 00; D. E. Rice, repairing hay scales, \$1 00; Geo. Whitman and others, watching fire on Farrar street, January 24th, \$6 00; Wm. Hudson, weekly reports of Elmwood cemetery, quarter ending July 1st, \$13 00; Thomas Canada and others, labor on sewers and streets, \$16 75; Patrick Connelly, cleaning and oiling fire engine hose, \$7 00; one month's services making fires in engine houses, \$20 00; Noble Bostwick, cleaning and oiling hose, \$6 50; David Kendall, building side walks assessed to university lot, \$19 44; building cross walks adjacent to school park, \$7 00; Wm. Knowles, building cross walks, \$3 33; Sanford Britton, interring city paupers, &c., \$87 00; M. E. Bartholomew, ringing fire alarm, December 19th, \$2 00; M. M. Geisler, repairing engine houses, &c., \$13 00; Detroit Free Press, printing index to Council proceedings, \$15 12; W. McCoy, burying cats and dogs, \$15 12; Horace Gray, jail account, for support of city prisoners, \$58 94; Wm. Knowles, repairing reservoirs, \$5 00; John Boyd, making connections to water pipes, \$6 00. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means with power.

From the Auditor, accounts of Richard Ash and others for refreshments furnished nightwatch watch in September and October, and recommen-

ding that the Council take such action "as they may think proper." Accepted and referred to Committee on Claims.

From the Auditor, bonds of Theodore H. Eaton and J. A. Bailey to the city, for indemnity for city taxes alleged to have been erroneously assessed and returned by Collector of the Third Ward.—Accepted and ordered placed on file.

From the Committee on Sewers, in favor of granting the petition of John King to prohibit entering public sewers at certain seasons, as provided for by the ordinances of 1848. Accepted and adopted.

The undersigned, Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the petition of Michael Young, asking to be relieved from the payment of a certain assessment for a lateral drain in rear of premises occupied by him on the south side of Woodbridge street, between Brush and Beaubien streets, respectfully report that they have had the matter under consideration, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted; and that the amount assessed to said Young be charged to the general sewer fund. They have come to this conclusion for the following reason: Mr. Young has, at a considerable expense, built a sewer from his own premises, and don't connect with the sewer for the construction of which he is assessed, in any manner whatever.

I. W. INGERSOLL,
STEPHEN MARTIN.

Accepted and adopted.

From the Committee on Sewers, in favor of granting the prayer of the petition of Jerry McCanliffe.

From same committee, in favor of granting the petition of A. J. Waltensperger to enter sewer on Russell street, from lot 25, section 53, Guoin farm; and of Nicholas Bour to enter sewer from lot 61, corner of Croghan and Russell streets, under direction of City Surveyor. Provided the petitioners keep said premises in good repair, as provided for by the ordinances.

I. W. INGERSOLL.

The Recorder was called to the Chair.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Dennis Lanigan, in relation to a trap to be used in the public sewers, do most respectfully report that the City Auditor draw a warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the petitioner for one hundred and fifty dollars, on condition that the petitioner permits the trap referred to, to be used by the city.

I. W. INGERSOLL,
STEPHEN MARTIN.

Ald. Craig moved to lay upon table. Lost.

Yeas—Ald. Craig, Fischer, Hull, Lansing, and Wilcox—5.

Nays—Ald. Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Ingersoll, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and acting Mayor—8.

Ald. Wilcox moved to accept the report. Adopted.

Ald. Wilcox moved to refer to a special committee of three. Lost.

Ald. Fischer offered the following amendment to report:

"That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars shall be paid to the inventor as soon as it should be proved practicable when it is in use." Lost.

The report was then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Ingersoll, Lansing, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, and the acting Mayor—9.

Nays—Ald. Craig, Fischer, Hull, and Wilcox—4.

From the Committee, on Fire Department, in favor of granting the prayer of the petition of

Richard Hawley, dated January 8. Accepted and adopted.

From same committee in favor of granting prayer of petition of Michael Young, to build back kitchen in rear of his house on Woodbridge street, between Brush and Beaubien sts. Accepted and adopted.

From same committee, that a suitable fence and privy be built in rear of Engine House No. 8. Accepted and adopted.

From the City Physician, number of persons vaccinated in schools, (public and Catholic,) amounting to 535. Accepted.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred a petition relative to the situation of the side walk on the south side of Congress street, between Shelby and Cass streets, respectfully asks leave to report in favor of ordering a new side walk of plank, six feet wide, built on said south side of Congress street, from Griswold to Cass street.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Accepted and adopted.

From the Committee on Licenses, in favor of granting the Society "Thalia" license for the year 1855, providing said society shall pay ten dollars within one week from this day, and keep a police officer to preserve order for half an hour before and after each exhibition. Accepted and adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Ald. Hull called up report of Committee on Health, allowing St. Mary's Hospital \$2 50 per week for board of sick paupers; and the report was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Martin,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to have one or more valve boxes made in the same style as the box exhibited and purchased by the Council this evening, and to cause one or more to be inserted on the corner of Jefferson avenue and Randolph street forthwith. Adopted.

By Ald. Hull,

Resolved, That St. Mary's Hospital be paid \$2 50 per week for the board of sick paupers, from the 20th December last. Adopted.

By Ald. Hull,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and is hereby directed to correct the description of a triangular lot marked down as unknown on an assessment roll for paving Poline alley. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the City Marshal be instructed to cause the snow to be cleansed from the side and cross walks in front of the city property, and the Auditor be requested to pay for the cost of the same upon the certificate of the City Marshal. Adopted.

By Ald. Ingersoll,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and is hereby instructed to make all necessary corrections to the field books heretofore examined by him, and that he be allowed a fair compensation for the same, and which shall be deducted from any amount this Council may see fit to allow those who originally prepared the same.

Adopted.

By Ald. Hull,

Whereas, At a special meeting of the Common Council held on the 16th inst., at which but a small majority of the aldermen were present, certain amendments were proposed, making nearly all of the city officers appointive by the Council; and

Whereas, The proposed amendments were not published, and the majority of the people of the

city (whom we believe to be opposed to the proposed amendments) have had no opportunity to discuss or remonstrate in the matter; and

Whereas, We believe that a republican people are capable and competent to select the public servants who shall perform all duties necessary for the successful carrying on and administering of any laws, and effecting the performance thereof, which may be necessary for the public good; and

Whereas, Every city officer now elected by the voice of the people is entirely under the control of the Common Council, in accordance with the provisions of the charter, and may be removed for good cause by the City Council; therefore,

Resolved, That the vote by which the proposed amendment to the City Charter, asking the Legislature so to amend the same as to make the Recorder, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Marshal, Physician, Director of the Poor, and City Surveyor, appointed by the Council, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the members to the Legislature from this city be requested to oppose any such amendment.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to report the preamble and resolutions to the Committee to propose amendments to the charter, now at Lansing, forthwith. Lost, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Hull, Martin, Mayhew.—6.

Nays—Ald. Craig, Fischer, Ingersoll, Patton, Wilcox, and acting Mayor.—6.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Feb. 6, 1855.

The Council was called to order by His Honor the Recorder and acting Mayor, Wm. A. Cook.

Present, Ald. Craig, Duncan, Finchart, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Mayhew, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Elisha Chase, for payment of claim of \$29 allowed to Joseph H. Bagg as Recorder's fees. Referred to Committee on Claims.

Of the City Marshal, to retain the 5 per cent. allowed to the city for the collection of side and cross walk assessments. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, accounts audited by him:

Wm. Rowe, ringing fire alarm Jan. 24, \$1; Edward Choep, repairing plow used by city last summer, 75c.; Lyman Baldwin, repairing engine hose, \$21.45; Adam Kals, assisting City Surveyor, \$26; John Clark and others, removing earth on Rivard street, \$199.07; Richmonds & Backus, Record Book, \$2; P. Connelly, sawing wood for engine houses, and repairs, \$28.13; Wm. Duncan, salt for thawing out hydrants, \$3.50; Luther B. Willard, amount expended for relief of 967 paupers in January, \$760.64. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

From the City Auditor, in regard to claim of city against Frederick Deneke, and recommending that the City Attorney commence suit for collection of same. Accepted and adopted.

From the City Auditor, account of Thomas Breshean and others for cleaning walks in front of city property, for \$90.

On motion of Ald. Craig, referred back to Auditor to settle, in accordance with previous action of Council.

From the City Auditor,

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

Bishop Le Fevre has called on me several times during the past season, for the purpose of having some final action on the part of your Honorable Body, in reference to the "equitable adjustment" which has heretofore occupied the attention of your Honorable Body, in respect to a piece of land lying in front of a lot owned by the heirs of the late John Whipple, on Randolph street. Upon referring to the Council proceedings, I find the following communication made to your Honorable Body on the 20th day of May last, by the late City Auditor, respecting the report of a committee previously appointed, and by which it will be seen what action had been taken up to that time. I have examined the proceedings of the Council since that date, and have not discovered that any further action has been taken upon said report.

COMMUNICATION.

The undersigned respectfully call the attention of the Council to a report received from a special committee, consisting of the Hon. E. A. Brush, Hon. Elton Farnsworth, and Samuel T. Dyson, Esquire, made March 15th, 1853, and is as follows:

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, in behalf of the committee heretofore appointed by the Common Council, to devise and present a mode by which an equitable adjustment may be made between the Council and the heirs of the late John Whipple, in respect to a piece of land lying in front of a lot owned by said heirs on Randolph street, reports—

"That it would be advantageous to all parties to adjust all the fronts between Randolph street and the lots called 'Old Claim,' belonging to the representatives of the Peltier, Whipple, Abbott, and White lots, at once. That it is essential that the first adjustment be made of the land in front of the White lot, which the undersigned proposes to do by exchanging with Bishop Le Fevre two fractional gores between the White lot and lot 40, sec. 6, now owned by Bishop Le Fevre, for two fractional gores lying in front of the Abbott and Whipple lots, being parts of lot 40, sec. 6, and now belonging to Bishop Le Fevre. The undersigned is authorized by Bishop Le Fevre to say, that he will make the exchange proposed, if it is so desired.

"Upon this arrangement being made, the committee will be able, in a week thereafter, to propose arrangements to be executed between the Council and the other parties, by which certain sums of money will be paid to the city for these fronts, which it is thought will be satisfactory to all, under the circumstances. To which end the undersigned respectfully asks that a resolution be passed, authorizing the City Auditor to cause the exchange recommended to be carried into effect."

On the fifth day of July last, the Attorney reported deeds for execution, for the purpose of making the transfer to and from Bishop Le Fevre in accordance with the recommendation of said report, when a remonstrance from S. M. Holmes was received and referred to a special committee; subsequently on the twentieth of December, a petition from S. M. and J. Holmes was received for calling a jury to inquire whether the public advantage required Randolph street to be widened so as to throw the Bishop's lot into said street; on the seventh day of February, 1854, Alderman Barclay, of the committee on streets, to whom said petition was referred, reported in favor of granting their request on their paying expenses,

&c.; and pursuant to said report, a jury was called on the tenth day of March, whose verdict, as reported by the clerk, March 14, 1854, was, "that the public advantage and convenience do not require it."

Now if these transfers can be made, the balance of the land in front of the Whipple and Abbott old claims can be sold to the owners of said claims for from \$1,700 to \$2,000. I therefore recommend the early consideration of the matter, as the money can be used to meet an anticipated deficit in the Sinking Fund.

AMOS T. HALL, City Auditor.

I will simply add that the deeds alluded to are now in my office.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

February 3d, 1855.

Referred to special committee. The chair appointed Ald. Barclay, Craig, and Hull as such committee. Accepted and adopted.

From the City Treasurer, evidences of debt received in treasury from Nov. 28, 1854, to Feb. 5, 1855:

Interest Fund - - - - - \$2,091.33

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

To the Hon. the Common Council.

In obedience to a resolution of your Honorable Body relative to the removal of the earth and placing Rivard street in a proper condition, I have caused to be removed most of the surplus earth, and made the street and sidewalk passable; the expense which has been incurred amounts to - - - - - \$199.07

I have taken advantage of this opportunity to grade the sidewalk on the north side of Atwater street, between Orleans street and east line of city, the expense of which was - - - - - 29.72

I have allowed J. A. Frasai to take from said street surplus earth, the expense of which was - - - - - 64.63

Leaving a balance to be charged to the contractor for Rivard street sewer of - - - - - 104.72

\$199.07

I deem it proper to state that the work is not yet completed, owing to the inclemency of the weather, and will yet require an expenditure of some twenty-five dollars to repair Mrs. Stuart's fence, and comply with the conditions required by the resolution under which the work was done.

JOHN KING, Street Com'r.

February 7, 1855.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Dominique Riopelle, Jr., stating that the fence of the City Cemetery encroaches upon the Riopelle farm, would (after investigation heretofore made by the City Surveyor) respectfully report that said fence of said Cemetery, according to the true division line between the Riopelle and Gouin farms, encroaches upon the Riopelle farm, as set forth by said petitioner. And your committee would recommend that necessary steps be taken to have said fence removed to the proper line of said farms as soon as the weather will permit and frost out of the ground. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPBELL, City Surveyor.

W. W. WILCOX, } Committee

H. H. LEROY, } on Streets.

Detroit, Feb. 6, 1855.

From Wm. Duncan, Chief Engineer of Fire Department, relative to fire plugs. Referred to committee on fire department with power.

From committee on claims, in favor of paying

accounts of Richard Ash, George Beard and Joseph Payne, for refreshments furnished night watch Sept. 22, 23, and 24, and Oct. 9; accepted and adopted.

From same committee, adverse to claim of Jerry Moynahan, and that too much legislation had already been had upon the subject; accepted and adopted.

From same committee, that \$6.18 be allowed Knowles & Gibbins for balance on building sewer; accepted and adopted.

From same committee, adverse to claim of J. D. Johnstone for pay for taking census of city, and "that memorialist has leave to withdraw his petition;" accepted and adopted.

From Committee on Fire Department, adverse to prayer of petition of Neil Flattery for purchase of lot and engine house of Fire Co. No. 3; accepted and adopted.

From Special Committee to whom was referred an ordinance relative to Gunpowder and Gun Cotton, that the ordinance referred to them could not be enforced, and asking that the City Attorney be instructed to report an ordinance in accordance with the action of the Legislature, amending the charter of the city of Detroit passed in 1853; accepted and adopted.

Ald. Hull was called to the chair.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby instructed to collect from the several persons who had their premises fronting on paved streets, cleaned by the City the last season, the several amounts which they were obliged to pay, and that he pay the amount thus collected to the City Treasurer to be credited to the Road fund in the different wards where the work was done. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due to our State Senators and members of the House of Representatives, for their efficient and timely aid in prosecuting the passage of an act to amend the Detroit city charter, and other acts in connection therewith, of the utmost importance to the city; and especially due to the Hon. George Jerome, Senator, and the Hon. H. H. Wells, member of the House, for their kind and generous treatment towards the City Committee, tendering to them the free use of their private rooms and lodgings during their stay at Lansing and that the Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to transmit to them a copy of this resolution and the act of the Council. Adopted.

By Ald. Lansing,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be directed to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of Dr. E. P. Christian for the sum of \$148.75, being the amount of his bill for services rendered in vaccinating the scholars in the different schools—which was audited and allowed at the last meeting of the Council, but since lost or mislaid. Accepted and adopted.

The Council adjourned.

R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, January 1, 1855.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE assessment roll for paying the Alley lying between lots Nos. 29 and 30, Berthelet's subdivision, south of Atwater street, in the city of Detroit, have been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, to whom those interested may make payment until the 24th day of January, 1855, after which they will be placed in the hands of the City Marshal and the per centage added for collection.
Jan3-55 RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Feb. 13, 1855.

The Council was called to order by his Honor the Recorder, Wm. A. Cook.

Present—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Leroy and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Joseph Kuhn, to enter sewer on Hastings street. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of F. L'Esperance, for pay for grading side walk. Referred to Surveyor.

Of Charles Roe, for payment of services as special police on election day. Granted.

Of Benjamin Odell, that the city relieve him from paying judgment found against him for impounding cattle by order of Marshal and ordinances while the petitioner was keeper of public pound. Referred to City Attorney.

Of E. Price, that an assessment made upon his property be referred to committee to memorialize Legislature relative to erroneous assessments, &c. Referred.

Of D. Kendall, for payment for building side and cross walks. Referred to Attorney and Recorder.

Of Thomas Oakley and others, to be organized as a hose company. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of Geo. Beard and others, for the organization of a company. Same reference.

Of Stephen Hill and others, for a six foot side walk on the south side of Lewis street, between First and Third streets. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of W. J. Smith and others, for a side walk on the north side of Labross street, from Fourth to Fifth street, and cross walks across Fourth and Fifth streets. Same reference.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

Detroit Gas Light Co., for lanterns, &c., \$164.80; John Ulrich, services around City Hall, &c., \$24.25; salaries of officers, \$638.34; St. Mary's Hospital, care of sick poor in January, \$323.07; *Daily Inquirer*, publishing ordinances, proclamations, &c., \$51.60; Wm. Knowles, cross walks, \$11.87; Hopkins & Ralston, painting and graining engine house No. 8, \$28.04. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

From the City Auditor, that F. Deneke had paid \$61, the amount due upon his contract for cutting grass in new cemetery. Accepted.

From Committee on Claims, adverse to allowing the prayer of the petition of E. Chase for payment of claim of J. H. Bagg for services as Recorder, the same having been paid. Accepted and adopted.

To the Hon. Common Council:

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the account of the Detroit Gas Company relative to charges made by said company for excavating, paving, and setting lamp posts, with requisite pipe for the same, have had the same under consideration, and report that there is a diversity of opinion in charging for the same between your Committee and the Superintendent of the Detroit Gas Company. Your Committee would therefore recommend, for final decision, that the whole matter be referred to competent lawyers, selected, one by the city of Detroit, and one by the Detroit Gas Company, (they agreeing to the same,) with the privilege of selecting a third person, to arbitrate and adjust the whole difference between the contracting parties, the result of their opinion to be given in writing, which will be binding on both par-

ties,—they, the arbitrators, having full power to send for persons and papers, so that justice and equity may be done between the contracting parties, and your Committee and City Auditor relieved from the disagreeable difference now arising from accounts presented for payment.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. BARCLAY, Committee on Ways and Means.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The "Ordinance for the better preservation of engine houses" was taken from the table, read the second and third times, amended, and passed.

The ordinance relative to public porters and runners, and the ordinance to amend the ordinance of 1848, relative to the arrival of boats and cars, were taken up and referred to special committee. The Chair appointed as committee, Ald. Wilcox, Craig, and Barclay.

Several other ordinances were taken from the table, and after being read were again laid upon the table.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the Recorder, City Attorney, and City Auditor be a special committee whose duty it shall be to proceed and collate the charter of the city of Detroit, and all the present existing amendments thereto, all the ordinances of said city now in force or existing, omitting all amendments or ordinances repealed or not now in force, together with the standing rules of this Council, and have the same published at the expense of the city, and furnished to each member and officer of the Council, with all convenient speed. Adopted.

By Ald. Doyle,

Resolved, That the report received from the Water Commissioners be referred back to said Commissioners, and ask that they be requested to furnish a detailed report of the receipts and expenditures of said works, to be sent into this Council at its next meeting.

On motion of Ald. Barclay, laid on the table.

Resolved, That the City Marshal be instructed to report to this Council the services performed by John Riley as Assistant Marshal under his directions, and for which he has received no pay. Adopted.

By Ald. Hull,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer in favor of the Committee appointed by the Council to procure the passage of the act amending the city charter, for the amount of their account, \$143.50. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox.

Resolved, That the City Marshal sell at public auction, on Saturday the 17th inst., to the highest bidder, the shed on the corner of Griswold and Clifford streets lately used as the City Pound. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the City Attorney be and is instructed to prepare and bring in an ordinance, defining the powers, duties and compensation of Collector in accordance with the amended charter of this city. Adopted.

By Ald. Hull,

Resolved, That the ordinance relative to fast driving be rescinded as long as the snow lasts on Jefferson Avenue, from Randolph street to east line of the city, so as to give the owners of fast horses a chance to show their speed, as the Michigan association for the improvement of the breed of horses is now defunct, and it devolves on all good citizens to see that proper breed of fast horses should be maintained; provided no horse shall be allowed to be driven in said street with-

out the permission of his Honor the Mayor, unless it could be clearly proved that he can travel more than six miles an hour. Lost.

By Ald. Hull,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner employ a suitable number of hands to clear the gutters and grates leading to grand sewer forthwith, under direction of Committee on Streets. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That Alexander D. Fraser be, and is hereby, appointed as Arbitrator on part of the city of Detroit, in the matter of difference between the city of Detroit and Detroit Gas Company. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to transfer from the contingent fund *one thousand dollars* to the credit of the poor fund of the city of Detroit. Adopted.

By Ald. Ingersoll,

Whereas, The late City Attorney was paid a salary of five hundred dollars per year during the term of his office;

And Whereas, The salary of said officer is only three hundred dollars per year, as fixed by the city ordinance, which is not a fair compensation for the duties of said officer, and the services by him rendered to the city; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Auditor be authorized to draw a warrant in behalf of the city in favor of J. Knox Gavin, City Attorney, for two hundred dollars, upon the City Treasurer, as an extra allowance for services rendered, to be paid at the end of his term.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Feb. 20, 1855.

The Council was called to order by his Honor the Recorder, Wm. A. Cook.

Present—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Doyle, Duncan, Hull, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Samuel French, for payment for re-laying paving alley in rear of Rotunda building, the rolls for which were placed in the hands of the late Marshal and not returned. Referred to Surveyor.

Of B. S. Gee and others, for side and cross walks on the north side of Winder street, from Woodward Avenue to John R. street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

The following communication was received, accepted, and ordered placed on file:

OFFICE DETROIT GAS LIGHT CO., }
Feb. 20, 1855.

To Hon. Mayor and Common Council of the City of Detroit:

GENTS.—Under an arrangement made between the Committee on Claims and the undersigned, in reference to the claim of the Detroit Gas Light Company, presented in January last, for setting lamp posts, &c., I would respectfully inform your honorable body that the Board of Directors have appointed James V. Campbell, Esq., their attorney to confer with your appointment in the matter of difference between said committee and this company, and to settle the same.

Yours, very respectfully,

P. E. DEMILL,

Sec'y Detroit Gas Light Co.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

Henry Metz, roofing for engine houses, \$40; Detroit *Free Press*, printing and advertising, \$32.50; W. Duncan, salt to thaw out hydrants, and use of horse and sleigh, \$8; Young & Son, J. S. & H. H. Wright, expended in cleaning cellar after overflow in July last, \$26.13; P. Connelly, making fires in engine houses, \$20; James Stewart, placing new hydrant in east end of City Hall, \$8.50. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

At the last session of your honorable body the undersigned was "instructed to transfer *one thousand dollars* from the Contingent Fund to the credit of the Poor Fund." I regret to have to state that the condition of the "Contingent Fund" is such that it will not admit of the transfer being made, there being only a balance to the credit of that fund at that date of \$641.93, which sum has since been drawn out to pay claims previously allowed. Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

Feb. 20, 1855.

Accepted.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the city of Detroit:

The special committee appointed by your Honorable body to memorialize the Legislature of the State for the passage of an act to authorize the Council to examine into the matter of claims for the refunding or remission of taxes based upon such assessments on the general assessment roll for the year 1854, which are alleged to be unjust and fraudulent, beg leave to report that they have discharged the duty assigned to them, and have the honor to report herewith a bill passed by the Legislature at its recent session giving the authority desired by the Council, which your committee believe is sufficient for the purpose. Your committee embrace this opportunity to express their acknowledgments to Hon. H. H. Wells, for his aid and assistance in procuring the passage of the bill in question through the Legislature; and the committee would recommend that a special committee be appointed to examine into the matter of the several claims heretofore presented to the Council asking for remission or refunding of taxes, and that they report to this Council what, if any, relief ought to be granted in each case. All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. A. COOK, Recorder,

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney,

W. M. CRAIG, Chairman of Com. on Taxes,
Special Committee.

AN ACT to authorize the Common Council of the City of Detroit to refund certain Taxes.

SEC. 1. *The People of the State of Michigan enact*, That the Common Council of the City of Detroit be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to examine into all claims presented to said Council prior to the passage of this act, for the remission or refunding of City, School and Highway taxes, based upon any assessments contained in the assessment rolls of said city for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four; and in all cases in which the said Council shall be satisfied, after due examination, that any taxes paid on account of such assessments ought, in justice, to be refunded, in consequence of assessments having been altered and increased unlawfully, after the same were made, and in consequence of property having been twice assessed, and the taxes thereon paid twice, the said Council shall, by resolution, direct the Auditor of said City to draw his warrant payable out of the general fund of the said City, in favor of the person or persons aggrieved by such

wrongful assessments, for the amounts which the Council shall, under the circumstances, deem it right and proper to refund; or said Council may grant such other relief as shall seem proper in each particular case.

Sec. 2. The examination to be made in pursuance of the foregoing section may be made by the said Common Council at any of its sessions, or by any Committee that the said Council may appoint to conduct such examination: *Provided*, That the Auditor shall not draw his warrant for the refunding of any taxes, except upon a resolution passed by said Council at a regular or special session.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 10th, 1855.
To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned would report to your Honorable Body that there has been placed in his hands for collection paving assessments to the amount of \$34,135 57, of which he has collected \$23,619 86, and paid into the City Treasury, and holds the Treasurer's receipt for the same, leaving a balance uncollected of \$10,515 71; and of this amount \$1,033 98 is chargeable to the city for paving in front of city property, which would leave \$9,481 73 for me to collect or return, and a large portion of the last named amount is due upon assessment rolls placed in my hands during the month of January. The extreme stringency of the money market has made it very difficult to collect assessments the past month, but I think I shall be able to collect all that is due upon the rolls except that portion that will have to be returned within the next two weeks. I would therefore petition your Honorable Body to extend my warrants upon the rolls upon which there is balances still due for fourteen days.

ELI LADEROOT, City Marshal.

Referred to Auditor, with power.

To the Hon. the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned would report to your Honorable Body that an assessment roll has been placed in his hands for collection for repairing plankings on Third street, between Porter street and Michigan Avenue. I find upon examination that no repairs have been made upon that portion of Third street, therefore no collections have been made upon said roll, and I hereby report back the assessment roll to your Honorable Body.

ELI LADEROOT, City Marshal.

Referred to Street Commissioner for examination.

From the City Marshal, that he sold the shed used for City Pound for \$17.25, and received the following amounts for licenses, for which he encloses Treasurer's receipts:

Campbell's Minstrels,	\$12.00
Wood's Exhibition,	21.00
Railroad Circus,	83.00

Accepted and referred to Auditor.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred sundry petitions for side and cross walks, asks leave to report in favor of ordering new side walks six feet wide on the south side of Lewis street, from First street to Third street; a new side walk six feet wide on the north side of Labross street, from Fifth to Fourth street, together with cross walks across Fourth and Fifth streets, on said north side of Labross street.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Feb. 20, 1855.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the resolution of Alderman Hull, of 2d January, would beg leave to submit the following report: That although well aware of the

general desire of the citizens, on account of the health of the city, as well as the facilities which the paving of streets affords, yet, owing to the present stringency of the money market and other causes, your committee deem it advisable to recommend the paving the following streets and alleys, which seem to your committee to be the most important:

Bates street, from Congress street to Michigan avenue.

Michigan avenue, from Bates street to Randolph street.

Randolph street, from Larned street to Congress street.

Brush street, from Jefferson avenue to Congress street.

Beaubien street, from Jefferson avenue to Congress street.

And all alleys east of Woodward avenue to Beaubien street, between Jefferson avenue and Congress street.

Larned street, from Fourth street to Woodbridge street.

And all cross streets and alleys, west of Griswold street, between Jefferson avenue and Larned street.

Griswold street, from Jefferson avenue to Michigan avenue.

Congress street, from Woodward avenue to Griswold street.

Fort street, from Woodward avenue to Griswold street.

Your committee are in favor of paving such other streets as the majority of the owners of the property may petition for.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WILCOX,

WM. BARCLAY,

H. H. LEROY,

Committee on Streets.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Hon. Common Council:

Gentlemen—The undersigned Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the communication of E. B. Ward to his Hon. the Mayor, O. M. Hyde, relative to burglars entering his warehouse, destroying property, and endangering the lives of worthy citizens, on or about the 22d of November last, and claiming of the city of Detroit the sum of \$200, for ferreting out and bringing to justice the culprits of such outrageous acts, would respectfully report, that, from information had, your committee are fully convinced that great credit is due to Capt. E. B. Ward for his energetic perseverance to bring the culprits to justice; but as no evidence has been presented to your committee that he (Capt. Ward) has either arrested or convicted said burglars, in accordance with resolution of the Common Council authorizing the Mayor to offer a reward of \$200, your committee report adverse to payment of said amount, until satisfactory evidence shall be given, in accordance with the above resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BARCLAY,

JAMES COLLINS,

EDWARD LYON.

Accepted and adopted.

One of your committee to whom was referred the matter of exchanging fractional lots of ground on Congress and Larned streets with one Peter Paul Lefevre, after due examination and deliberate consideration, begs leave to submit the following report, viz: We deem it inexpedient to make such exchange or transfer, for the following reasons: 1st, the ground, if conveyed by the city, is much larger than that received

therefor. 2d. Peter Paul Lefevre's title to a portion of the grounds proposed to be conveyed to the city is of very questionable character.—4th. I find, on examination, that said Lefevre has become possessed of a large amount of grounds, (whether by purchase, supreme dictation or sophistry your committee are not advised,) which (property) your committee believe belong to a very worthy portion of our fellow-citizens, and should be by them possessed, inasmuch as said Lefevre is a subject and emissary of a foreign potentate, who, like the locusts of Egypt, not only devours the substance and productions of the soil, but stultifies and withers the intelligences of his subjects, and fills the land with beggary and crime. Encouragement to such a potentate would be reprehensible in a half civilized people, and positively criminal in a body of American citizens. The conduct of said Lefevre has satisfied your committee that clothing on him in the similitude of man is a monstrosity; that he is a fit companion only for dragons and devils. Your committee would recommend that he do not ask for the usual amount of ground allotted to man, viz: two feet by six, but that he take his body back from whence it came, and there let it remain and enrich the soil it has impoverished. All of which is respectfully submitted, and the subscriber asks to be discharged from further consideration of the above subject.

W. H. CRAIG.

Report accepted, and Ald. Craig discharged from committee.

The matter and accompanying papers were referred to Recorder and City Attorney.

The Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred sundry petitions for the organization of Hose Companies, would report that, in their opinion, the city does not require any Hose Companies at present, as every engine company carries about four hundred feet of hose, which is about as much as they can use to advantage. We would therefore report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners.

JOHN PATTON, } Committee on
E. A. LANSING, } Fire Dep't.
H. H. LEBOY, }

Accepted and adopted.

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Chief Engineer, would report that, in their opinion, the extreme cold weather is about over for this season, and that it is not necessary to pack the hydrants at present, but it should be done before another winter sets in.

JOHN PATTON, } Committee on
E. A. LANSING, } Fire Dep't.
H. H. LEBOY, }

Accepted and adopted.

From same, in favor of paying \$36 00 to Lyman Baldwin, for work for Engine Company No. 8, in 1852. Referred to Committee on Claims.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Ald. Doyle called up the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report received from the Board of Water Commissioners be referred back to said Commissioners, and ask that they be requested to furnish a detailed report of the receipts and expenditures of said works, for the last year, to be sent in to this Council at its next meeting.

The question being upon the passage of the resolution, it was lost: Yeas—Ald. Collins, Doyle and Ingersoll 3; Nays—Ald. Barclay, Craig, Duncan, Hull, Lansing, LeRoy, Lyon, Wilcox, and the Recorder, acting Mayor, 9.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the Committee on Taxes, to-

gether with the Auditor and Treasurer of the city, be, and they are hereby, appointed a special committee to examine into the matter of the several claims heretofore presented to this Council for the refunding or remission of taxes, on account of alleged fraudulent or unjust assessments on the general assessment roll for the year 1854, and that said committee report to this Council what, if any, relief ought to be granted in each particular case.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the Recorder and City Attorney be appointed a committee to examine into the claim presented by John Bouley for damages sustained on grand sewer in Woodward Avenue.

Adopted.

By Ald. LeRoy,

Resolved, That the City Marshal be granted an extension of 15 days for collecting side and cross walk assessments upon the rolls in hand. Adopted.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means be authorized to appoint some suitable person to arbitrate the matter of difference between the city of Detroit and the Detroit Gas Company, in case Alexander D. Fraser, appointed, declines acting as said arbitrator. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor and City Attorney examine and report to this Council, at its next regular session, the width of Bates street, from Congress to Larned street, and report, if any, what obstructions are in said street.

Adopted.

By Ald. Barclay,

Resolved, That the City Clerk be authorized and required to give the requisite notice of the ensuing Charter election, and that the polls be held in the different wards as follows:

First Ward—Commercial Hotel.
Second Ward—City Hall.
Third Ward—Engine house No. 3.
Fourth Ward—Engine house No. 6.
Fifth Ward—Engine house No. 5.
Sixth Ward—Wm. Paton's, Gratiot street.
Seventh Ward—Engine house No. 7.
Eighth Ward—
Adopted.

By Ald. Patton,

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer report some proper means for drying and taking care of the fire hose of the different engine companies. Adopted.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE

FOR THE BETTER PRESERVATION OF ENGINE HOUSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR, RECORDER, Aldermen and Freemen of the City of Detroit, in Common Council convened, as follows:

SECTION 1. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to assemble, or meet, in any of the Engine Houses, in this City, at any time or times, (excepting firemen duly admitted into the Fire Department of said City, and actually belonging to the Company occupying said Engine House, for the purpose of the Engine to which such firemen shall be attached, duly assembled under some rule or regulation or by-law of said Company,) under a penalty for every such offence, on conviction thereof in the Mayor's Court of said City, of a fine not exceeding fifty, nor less than five dollars, and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten days, or either, at the discretion of the said Court, and may, moreover, be held to bail for good behavior.

SEC. 2. All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, in contravention of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and passed at Detroit, this thirteenth day of February, A. D. 1855.
OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.
RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk. 1433 41

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Feb. 27, 1855.

The Council was called to order by Ald. Barclay, and, upon calling the roll, there being no quorum present, the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

NOTICE.**SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDE AND CROSS-WALKS.**

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—THE assessments for side and cross-walks built by the City, have been placed in my hands, by the City Auditor, for collection; warrants have been attached to said rolls, and I am directed to collect the same forthwith. I therefore notify all persons who have any assessments made against their property, for the above mentioned purpose, to come forward and pay the same, at my office, in the City Hall, where I shall be during office hours, to receive the same.—My office hours are from seven to nine o'clock A. M., and from one to three P. M., every day, except Sunday. The parties interested should know that if the several amounts are not paid within ten days from the date hereof, it will be my duty to levy on any property which I can find on the premises so assessed, and sell the same for the assessment. I hereby attach a list of all property so assessed and placed in my hands:

Assessment Roll

On Beech street, west side of Sixth street
On Alley on east side Fourth street, between Porter street and Michigan Avenue
On Plum street, east side of Sixth street
On Abbott street, east side of Fourth street
On Alley on east side of Fourth street, between Abbott and Porter street
On Beech street, east side of Sixth street
On Chestnut street, east side of Sixth street
On south side of Adams Avenue and Brush street
On Orchard street, east side of Sixth street
On Pine street, east side of Sixth street
On Locust street, east side of Sixth street
On Cherry street, east side of Sixth street
On Spruce street, east side of Sixth street
On Oak street, east side of Sixth street
On Miami Avenue on southeast side of John R street
On Alley west side of Sixth street, between Michigan Avenue and Beech street
On Howard street, east side of Fourth street
On Porter street, east side of Fourth street
On Alley on east side of Fourth street, between Abbott and Howard streets
On Alley on east side of Fourth street, between Lafayette and Howard streets
On Alley between State street and Monroe Avenue, on east side of Farrar street
On Alley on Gratiot street, east side of Randolph street
On Alley on Orleans street, south side of Maple street
On Alley on Orleans street, north side of Waterloo street
On Alley on Orleans street, south side of Macomb street
On Alley on Orleans street, south side of High street
On Alley on Orleans street, north side of High street
On Alley on Orleans street, north side of Chestnut street
On Alley on Orleans street, south side of Chestnut street
On Alley on Orleans street, north side of Lafayette street
On Alley on Orleans street, north side of Clinton street
On Alley on Orleans street, south side of Jay street
On Alley on Orleans street, north side of Jay street
On Alley on Orleans street, north side of Mullet street
On Alley on Fifth street, north side of Woodbridge street
On Alley on Griswold street, north side of State street
On Alley on Griswold street, east side of Michigan Avenue
On Alley on Abbott street, west side of First street
On Alley on Shelby street, north side of Congress street
On Alley on Orleans street, north side of High street
On Alley between Second and Third streets, south side of Jones street
On Alley on Centre street, south side of John R street
On Alley south side of Congress street, between Russell and Ripelle streets
On Alley between Woodbridge and Atwater streets, south side of Griswold street
On Alley on north side of Mont Calm street
On Alley between Woodward Avenue and Park street, south side of Mont Calm street
On Alley between Woodbridge and Larned streets, west side of Second street
On Alley between Jefferson Avenue and Woodbridge streets, east side of Griswold street
On Alley on west side of First street, between Abbott street and Michigan Avenue
On Alley on Grand River street, east side of Farrar street.
PATRICK MCGINNIS, Assistant Marshal.
Detroit, February 1, 1854. feb2-104

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, March 6, 1855.

The Council was called to order by his Honor the Mayor.

Present—Recorder, and Ald. Barclay, Collins, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of J. L. Whipple, for cross walks on alley west side of Brush street, between Congress and Fort streets. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Theodore H. Eaton and others, for completion of sewer in the alley between Woodward Avenue and Bates street.

On motion of Ald. Barclay, referred to City Surveyor, to report plan of sewer from north side of Woodward Avenue to the Detroit river.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Ways and Means, and City Auditor, to whom was referred the subject of ascertaining if arrangements could be made with the State, whereby the lot, known as the "Female Seminary property," adjoining Campus Martius, could be had for the construction of public buildings thereon, beg leave to report:

That, in accordance with the resolution of the Common Council, adopted August 14, 1854, directing the City Auditor to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of the State Auditors of the State of Michigan for the sum of \$5,000, to apply on a contract previously entered into between the said State Auditors and your committee, which contract was reported to your Hon. body on the said 14th day of August, 1854, the said warrant was drawn accordingly, and placed in the hands of your committee, by whom said sum of \$5,000 was deposited in the Peninsular Bank, in the city of Detroit, to the credit of Hon. B. C. Whittemore, State Treasurer, who was duly advised of the same, with a request that he would acknowledge the receipt thereof. On the 29th day of November, 1854, your committee obtained from the Board of State Auditors the following memorandum, which your committee beg leave may be read and taken as a part of this their report in the premises.

No. 235.—This memorandum made and subscribed this twenty-ninth day of November, A. D. 1854, on the part of the Board of State Auditors of Michigan, witnesseth:

That during the past summer the Common Council of the city of Detroit applied to the said Board for the purchase from the State of Michigan of the triangular lot generally known as the Yellow Building or Female Seminary lot, bounded by Campus Martius, Griswold street and Michigan Avenue, in the city of Detroit. The Board, supposing that they had authority to sell the same, and deeming it for the interest of the State that a sale should be made, entered into a negotiation with the said authorities, and finally made an agreement for the sale of said property, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars; five thousand dollars in cash, and the balance in ten years, with interest, payable annually, from the first day of September 1854, and subject to existing leases on said property, executed to John Ladue, Andrew Ladue and Francis E. Eldred. That in pursuance of said agreement the city authorities, on or about the first day of September last, paid into the State Treasury the sum of five thousand dollars, which sum still remains there. That about this time doubts were suggested respecting the legal authority of the Board to make this sale; and as, after more careful inquiry, the power of the Board did not seem clear, it was deemed expedient to withhold a cer-

tificate of sale, and to embody a statement of the facts in this memorandum, leaving it with the Legislature about to convene to take such action in the premises as the case seems to require.

(Signed) B. C. WHITTEMORE,
State Treasurer.

W. GRAVES,
Secretary of State.

PORTER KIBBEE,
Com. State Land Office.

Board of State Auditors.
\$5,000.00.—Received the within mentioned payment of five thousand dollars.

(Signed) CHAS. S. HUNT.

Clk. State Treasurer.
(Countersigned,) E. R. MANSFIELD,

Clk. Auditor General.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original memorandum on file in my office.

CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

DETROIT, Feb. 27, 1855.

On the 2d day of January, 1855, a resolution was adopted by the Common Council authorizing the special committee to whom was given in charge the proposed amendments to the City Charter, to also enter into such an arrangement with the Legislature of the State of Michigan, as would secure to the city of Detroit the right, title, and interest claimed by said State in said property, which had been previously purchased by the city from the authorities of said State, with a view to the erection thereon of a City Hall, to contain rooms for the accommodation of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, and to settle and adjust the terms on which the same could be obtained.

And your committee would further beg leave to state, that, with a view to carry out the wishes of your Honorable body, they deemed it advisable to have a design and plan of the proposed city building drawn and prepared, and accordingly directed Mr. A. Jordan to draft the same—which plan and design was duly executed by said Jordan, and delivered to your committee.

Subsequently, your committee visited Lansing, and memorialized the Legislature of the State upon the subject matter entrusted to them, with reference to said property, accompanying which was also presented the said plan and design.

Your committee finding that the original plan contemplated with reference to court rooms could not be satisfactorily carried out, they then proposed that the whole matter be referred by the Legislature to the Board of State Auditors, empowering them to consummate the contract previously entered into by your committee.

Accordingly a resolution, or bill, was introduced in, and passed by, the Senate to that effect, but your committee regret to say, was not acted upon in the House—leaving the subject still unadjusted on the part of the State.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend that further steps be taken, in order to procure from said State authorities a certificate of sale of said property, in accordance with the original contract entered into, and that the City Auditor be directed to communicate with said State authorities, with a view of obtaining from them such certificate of sale, as of right the city is entitled to.

Your committee would further recommend the payment of \$100 to Mr. Jordan for the plan and design referred to, as agreed upon by your committee with him for the same.

All which is respectfully submitted, and your committee beg leave to ask to be discharged from further action in the premises.

E. A. LANSING, } Committee on
WM. BARCLAY, } Ways and Means.
CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

Feb. 1855.

Accepted and adopted.

From City Auditor, accounts audited by him: Jackson & Wiley, sewer openings, \$31 03; do., for grates and sewer openings, \$36 88; do., steel bolts, nuts, and repairs for engine No. 5, \$6 00; do., lamp posts, \$340 00. W. Duncan, expended in thawing hydrants, \$12 25. J. Bostick, reclaiming suction hose out of cistern for Engine Co. No. 1, \$3 00. M. E. Bartholomew, ringing fire alarms, \$3. B. B. & W. R. Noyes, 4 coal stoves, pipe, coal hods, for City Hall offices; shovels, spades and rakes, for Street Commissioner; wrench and stove pipe for Engine Co. No. 4; *Free Press*, printing and advertising, \$59 40; A. D. Fraser, professional services for committee to procure amendments, \$125 00. John Brown, hauling dead horses, \$2 25. Adam Kalz, assisting Surveyor, \$26 00. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means with power.

From the same, referring claim of John Stadler, Augustus and Peter Gadow, for reward for arrest and conviction of burglars in Ward's warehouse, to the Council for such action as they may think proper.

Ald. Wilcox moved that petitioners have leave to withdraw their claim. Carried.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the report of the City Marshal, relative to collections made by him on paving assessments, would respectfully report: That I have examined said report, and find the amount stated in said report as having been collected, exclusive of the amount chargeable to the city, falls short of the actual amount collected at the date of said report \$62 78, and which, added to the amount reported, makes \$22,929 71 collected and paid into the City Treasury. The variance was found to have been occasioned by payments made at or during the time said report was being made, and were not brought into the account.

I would also respectfully report, that I have examined the City Marshal's report relative to sale of shed used as a City Pound, amounting to \$17 55, and also the amount collected for licenses for certain exhibitions during the past season, amounting to \$116 00, and find the same correct, and that both sums have been paid into the City Treasury, amounting to \$133 25.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

February 27th, 1855.

From the Recorder and Attorney, relative to a claim of Detroit Gas Light Co. for \$247 50 damages sustained by breakage of one of their main pipes on corner of Jefferson avenue and Rivard street, caused by improper re-filling of excavation for Rivard street sewer, that the city is not liable for the payment of the claim. Accepted.

From the same, recommending that petitions of C. Hastings and George S. Howard, asking remission of certain taxes, be referred to special committee appointed by Council to examine into all claims for the remission or refunding of taxes, based upon assessments on the general assessment roll for 1854. Accepted and adopted.

The Recorder was called to the chair.

From the same, to whom was referred petition of David Kendall, for payment for building side and cross walks, that Mr. Kendall has a legal

claim against the city for whatever balance is due to him for building said walks, and recommend that the Auditor be directed to settle with said Kendall, and report the balance found to be his due. Accepted and adopted.

From the City Surveyor, in favor of allowing Francis L'Esperance ten dollars in full, for filling side walks in front of his lots. Adopted and warrant ordered drawn.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Samuel French, respecting the repairing of the alley in the rear of Rotunda buildings, would respectfully report that Mr. French has done the work as set forth in his petition, and that an assessment was made for defraying the expenses of repairing said alley, and placed in the hands of the late City Marshal to collect the same; and that the amount on said assessment will not cover the expenses of repairing said alley, in consequence of its laying over until the spring of 1854, before said paving was done, and that it will be necessary to make another assessment, and another assessment cannot be made before the first assessment is returned, for the reason that it is necessary to know what amount has already been charged, and against whom charged, &c.; and the undersigned would respectfully recommend that some immediate action be taken to procure said assessment. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Accepted and referred to Com. on Streets.
To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the several Assessors' field books (so called), with instructions to correct the same, would respectfully report that said books are corrected and ready for the Assessors to use. Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Detroit, Feb. 27th, 1855.

Referred to City Auditor and City Attorney.
From City Attorney, that the claim of Benjamin Odell for \$20.50 is a just and equitable one.

Accepted and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned hereby presents the following assessment rolls for cross walks as made according to the city ordinance:

CROSS WALKS ACROSS

Alley on the north side of Henry street between Witherell and Park streets.

Alley on First street south side Lafayette street;

Alley on Randolph street south side Monroe avenue;

Alley on Farmer street south side Monroe avenue;

Alley on Farrar street south side Monroe avenue.

Alley on Park street north side Sibley street;

Alley on Clifford street north side Henry street;

Alley on Wayne street south side Lafayette street;

Alley on Woodward avenue north side Elizabeth street;

Alley on Michigan avenue east side Fourth street;

Alley on Fourth street south side Labross street;

Alley on Cass street south side Lafayette street;

Alley on Fifth street north side Labross street;

Alley on Earl street west side Park street;

Alley west side Park street between Earl and Duffield streets;

Alley on Henry street west side Park street;
Alley on Sibley street west side Park street;
Alley on Park street north side Sibley street;
Alley on Fourth street north side Labross street;

Alley on the south side Sibley street between Witherell and Park streets;

Alley between Park and Witherell streets north side Sibley street;

Alley on Park street south side Sibley street;

Alley on Duffield street west side Park street;

Alley between Duffield and Henry streets, west side Park street;

Alley on Cherry street east side Third street;

Alley between Cherry and Grand River streets east side Third;

Alley on Riopelle street north side Mullett street;

Alley on Russell street north side Mullett street;

Alley on Rivard street north side Mullett street.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Accepted, adopted, and walks ordered laid.

From Committee on Fire Department, in favor of granting prayer of petition of Charles Jackson, to remove a building to adjoining lot.

Accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of Lyman Baldwin, for sundry articles furnished Engine Company No. 8, report that they have examined the same, and find Mr. Baldwin entitled to the sum of thirty-six dollars, and recommend that the City Auditor draw his warrant on Fire Department fund for the same, not otherwise appropriated.

WM. BARCLAY.

Accepted and adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the ordinance in regard to arrival of boats and cars, report the same back to the Council, and recommend that it do not pass, as there is an ordinance which, if enforced, your committee think sufficient.

W. W. WILCOX,
WM. BARCLAY,
Special Committee.

The ordinance was read the second time and amended.

Ald. Hull moved to indefinitely postpone. Lost.

Ald. Hull moved to lay on the table. Lost.

Ald. Hull moved to strike out all after the enacting clause. Lost.

The ordinance was then passed as follows:
Yeas—Ald. Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Patton, Wilcox, and the Recorder, acting Mayor—6.

Nays—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Hull, Martin, and Mayhew—5.

Ald. Ingersoll moved to reconsider. Lost, as follows:

Yeas—Aldermen Barclay, Hull, Martin and Mayhew—4.

Nays—Aldermen Collins, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Patton, Wilcox, and the Recorder, acting Mayor—7.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Ingersoll, the report of the Committee on Streets, relative to paving, was taken from the table.

The report was adopted:

Yeas—Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox, and the Recorder, acting Mayor—10.

Nays—Alderman Hull—1.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Ingersoll,

Resolved, That the license of the Metropolitan Theatre for the year 1855 be fifty dollars, and that the City Marshal be instructed to collect the same forthwith. **Adopted.**

By Alderman Martin,

Resolved, That the vote by which the minority report, signed by W. H. Craig, in relation to the exchange of fractional lots, &c., was accepted, and the Alderman discharged from the committee, at last meeting of the Council, be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

A substitute was offered, and resolution withdrawn.

Alderman Lansing offered the following, which was afterwards withdrawn:

Resolved, That the report of Alderman Craig, relative to exchange of certain property with Bishop Le Fevre, be expunged from the proceedings of the Council.

By Alderman Barclay,

Resolved, That the City Auditor draw his warrant upon the general road fund, not otherwise appropriated, in favor of David Kendall, for building side and cross walks for the balance due him.

Alderman Hull moved to lay on table. **Lost.**

The resolution was adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Ingersoll, Lansing, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox, and Recorder, acting Mayor—9.

Nays—Ald. Hull—1.

The Council being left without a quorum, the Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL—Special Session.

SATURDAY, March 10, 1855.

The Council was called to order by His Honor the Recorder and acting Mayor, Wm. A. Cook.

Present—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Duncan, Fiehart, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Martin, Mayhew, Patton and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of John B. Stadler, for pay for arrest and conviction of the "Ward burglars." Referred to Committee on Claims.

Of C. Burch and others, for side walk on both sides of Adams Avenue between St. Antoine and Hastings streets. Referred to Street Commissioner.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him: Luther B. Willard, Director of the Poor, for relief of 1,500 paupers, \$1,205 88; salaries of officers, \$675.04; Wm. Knowles, building crossings and gutters, \$12; Thomas Canada and others, cleansing grates for drainage of surface water, \$18; Sears Steevens, making official canvass of charter election and acting as Clerk of Board, \$12. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, a special committee to whom was referred the communication of our present City Auditor presented to this Council Feb. 3, 1855, accompanied by reports from special committee consisting of the Hon. E. Farnsworth and Edmund A. Brush, Esq., also the late City Auditor, Amos T. Hall, Esq., relative to exchange of property lying and being on south-east corner of Randolph and Congress streets, known as lot 40, in section No. 1, according to original plan of the city of Detroit, have fully examined into the matter and beg leave to report the following

as appears to your committee just and right between the corporation of Detroit and Bishop Peter Paul Lefevre. The amount of square feet belonging to the city is 1,712, the amount belonging or by lease granted to Bishop Peter Paul Lefevre 1,434 square feet, showing an amount of 278 square feet belonging to the city more than that owned or leased by Bishop Lefevre from the Trustees of the Corporation of St. Ann's, in the exchange of property. Your committee arrive at the above conclusion by stating to your honorable body that more square feet belonging or leased by the Bishop is fronting Randolph street, while part of ground in question belonging to the city is on the rear part of said lot, making, as will appear, a fair trade or exchange of the property in question; and your committee would further state that the titles of property in question are as near equal as may be. Said titles if exchanged between the contracting parties, your committee would recommend that nothing more than a quit claim be given, and that the title received by the city be deeded by the Trustees of the Corporation of Saint Ann's and Peter Paul Lefevre jointly. Your committee would therefore recommend that deeds be exchanged, provided the City Attorney report to this Council that we have a right to deed that portion of Old Virginia, so called, and being part of property mentioned in this report, as also a part of Michigan Avenue now fronting Congress street. (A plat of the whole property is herewith annexed as part of this report.) All which is respectfully submitted, and your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. BARCLAY,
JOHN HULL.

Accepted.

Ald. Barclay was called to the chair, and the Recorder read the following report:

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

At a session of the Council held on the 6th day of February last, a communication was presented from the City Auditor, calling the attention of the Council to a prior communication from his predecessor in office, relative to the matter of an exchange between the city and Rt. Rev. Bishop Lefevre, of certain fractional pieces of ground on the north-east corner of Congress and Randolph streets. This communication was, upon motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of Aldermen Barclay, Craig and Hull. At a subsequent meeting of the Council, held on the 20th of Feb. last, Ald. Craig, one of the said special committee, submitted a report upon the subject of said exchange, which was accepted by the Council, and "the matter and accompanying papers" were thereupon "referred to the Recorder and City Attorney." The undersigned have experienced no little difficulty in determining the object of such reference, and, as a necessary consequence, of deciding upon suitable recommendations in the premises. They have decided, therefore, simply to report to the Council the facts in regard to the matter of the proposed exchange, with their views as to its propriety, and a recommendation relative to the report of Alderman Craig, leaving the Council to take such action on the subject of the exchange, as, in the opinion of a majority thereof, may be deemed expedient.

The facts in regard to the matter of the proposed exchange, are as follows: The title to lot 40, section 1, Governor and Judges' plan, on corner of Randolph and Congress streets, is in the Right Reverend Bishop Lefevre and the Trustees of the French Catholic Church—said title

being derived from the late Governor and Judges of the Territory of Michigan. Between the front of said lot 40 and Congress street, there is a small triangular piece of ground, containing 887 71-100 square feet, the title to which, owing to a change in the original plan of the city, is believed to be in the Corporation of Detroit, and between the easterly line of the same lot and the westerly line of the Brush Farm, there is another piece of ground, which, from the same cause, is also believed to belong to the present Corporation of Detroit. Immediately east of the two pieces of ground above mentioned as belonging to the city, are three large lots, known respectively as the "White Claim," "Abbot Claim," and "Whipple Claim." The White Claim has a good front on Congress street, but the *Abbot and Whipple* claims, owing to the aforementioned change in the plan of the city, *have a front on no street whatever*. The rear part of lot 40, before described, and the second piece of ground before mentioned as belonging to the city, lies between said claims and the present Randolph street. The proprietors of these claims have for years been anxious to purchase this intervening ground, so as to give them a front on Randolph street, and the corporation has always been ready to sell them their title, but inasmuch as *the rear of said lot 40, belonging to Bishop Lefevre and the Catholic Church as before stated, lay between the piece belonging to the City and Randolph street*, it has at no time been an object to purchase the right of the city; the Bishop and the Church being indisposed to sell the rear of their lot, until some arrangements could be made in regard to the fractional piece lying between their lot and the *White* claim, and the piece adjoining the same lot and fronting on Congress street, so as to make the lot of good shape, and give it full frontage.

With a view of devising some plan whereby the land belonging to the city, as before described, might be made available, a committee was appointed by the Council more than two years ago, consisting of Hon. E. A. Brush, Hon. Elon Farnsworth, and the late Samuel T. Dyson, Esq., which committee, after considerable deliberation, on the 15th of March, 1853, submitted the following report:

DETROIT, March 15, 1853.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, in behalf of the committee heretofore appointed by the Common Council to devise and present a mode by which an equitable adjustment may be made between the Council and the heirs of the late John Whipple, in respect to a piece of land lying in front of a lot owned by said heirs on Randolph street, reports:

That it would be advantageous to all parties to adjust all the fronts between Randolph street and the lots called "Old Claim," belonging to the representatives of the Peltier, Whipple, Abbot and White lots, at once. That it is essential that the first adjustment be made of the land in front of the White lot, *which the undersigned proposes to do*, by exchanging with Bishop Lefevre two fractional gores between the White lot and lot 40, section 1, now owned by Bishop Lefevre, for two fractional gores lying in front of the Abbot and Whipple lots, being part of lot 40, section 1, and now belonging to Bishop Lefevre. The undersigned is *authorized by Bishop Lefevre to say that he will make the exchange proposed, if it is so desired*.

Upon this arrangement being made, the committee will be able in a week thereafter to propose arrangements to be executed between the

Council and the other parties, by which certain sums of money will be paid to the city for these fronts, which it is thought will be satisfactory to all, under the circumstances. To which end the undersigned respectfully asks that a resolution be passed authorising the City Auditor to cause the exchange recommended to be carried into effect.

(Signed) E. A. BRUSH.

The recommendation contained in said report was adopted by the Council, and the City Attorney subsequently prepared and reported for execution by the city and Bishop Lefevre, certain deeds, in accordance with such recommendation; but a remonstrance against such execution from S. M. Holmes, Esq., being laid before the Council, the execution of such deeds was postponed, and on the 20th Dec., 1853, a petition was presented to the Council from Messrs. S. M. and J. Holmes (owners of the White claim), asking that a jury might be ordered to inquire whether the public convenience and advantage did not require that Randolph street be widened so as to throw the Bishop's lot (said lot 40) into said street. This petition was referred to the Committee on Streets, and on the 7th of February, 1854, Alderman Barclay, on behalf of said committee, in report favor of ordering the jury to be drawn. A jury was accordingly drawn and sworn on the 10th of March, 1854, for the purpose expressed in the petition of the Messrs. Holmes, and the verdict of the jury, after examination of the premises, was against *the widening of the street as proposed*—the proposition being to open the street only part way through the block in which the lot is situated.

After the verdict of said jury had been rendered, and confirmed by the Council, and on the 30th day of May last, the late City Auditor (Hall) sent the communication to the Council referred to in the recent communication of the *present* Auditor. The object of Auditor Hall's communication was to call the attention of the Council to the report of Mr. Brush, and to urge immediate action in the premises. No action was taken by the Council upon that communication, and its subject matter remained untouched until the recent communication from the present Auditor, which he sent to the Council for the reason that Bishop Lefevre had called upon him on several occasions, to ascertain whether the arrangement proposed in the report of Mr. Brush was to be carried out. That the Bishop should desire to receive the decision of the city authorities, upon this subject, under the circumstances, is certainly not matter of surprise, and it was but due to him that his request should be treated with proper respect.

The undersigned have been upon the premises in question, and examined the several pieces of ground proposed to be exchanged, and having given the whole matter much consideration, are unable to agree with Alderman Craig in the opinion and views expressed in his report relative to the proposed exchange. We are fully persuaded that the exchange suggested in the report of Mr. Brush will be a *fair business transaction*, by which *both parties* will, in some respects, be benefited, while *neither* will derive any material advantage over the other.

The title of the piece of ground proposed to be taken in exchange for that proposed to be given by the city, was originally granted by the Governor and Judges to the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church. The Trustees have leased the ground to the Bishop and his successors or assigns for the term of 99 years. The undersigned are informed that the Trustees will unite with the Bishop in the proposed conveyance. If

so, there will be no difficulty in regard to the title which the city will receive.

In regard to the report of Alderman Craig, which accompanies the other papers in the matter referred to the undersigned, we are clearly of opinion that it contains suggestions and recommendations which ought not to find place in an official document of your Honorable body.—The undersigned do, therefore, recommend that the said report of Alderman Craig, and the recommendation therein contained, be rejected by the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. A. Cook, Recorder.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

DETROIT, March 10, 1854.

The Recorder resumed the Chair.

On leave, a remonstrance was received and read from C. I. Walker, Esq., attorney for Holmes & Co., protesting against exchange of property with Bishop Peter Paul Lefevre.

The remonstrance was referred to a special committee, consisting of Ald. Lansing, Wilcox and Martin.

Ald. Lansing moved that so much of report of Recorder and Attorney as refers to report of Ald. Craig be adopted, and the balance postponed.

Ald. Ingersoll moved to lay on table.

Both motions were withdrawn, and Ald. Barclay moved to refer report to the special Committee upon remonstrance of Holmes & Co.

Adopted—yeas 9, nays 3.

The Attorney reported verbally that the field books were correct, and the Committee were discharged.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Lansing,

Resolved, That the report made by Ald. Craig on the 20th February, 1855, on the subject of the exchange of property with Bishop Lefevre be hereby expunged from the records of this Council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Barclay, Collins, Duncan, Finehart, Hull, Lansing, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox, and the Recorder, acting Mayor—11.

Nays—Ald. Ingersoll—1.

By Ald. Martion,

Resolved, That the City Auditor draw a warrant in favor of John McNamara, Daniel Farley and William Gallaway, for two dollars each, the same being for services for one night as watchmen during last State fair.

Referred to present Mayor.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the City Auditor advertise for proposals for paving streets and alleys as reported by the Committee on Streets, until the 2d day of April next, at 12 o'clock M., reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Adopted.

By Ald. Patton,

Whereas, During the official term of the present Recorder of the city, unusual duties have devolved upon that officer, requiring a very large portion of his time for the whole of his term.

And Whereas, It appears from the records of the Mayor's Court, that the amount received by him for fees as presiding officer thereof have been only \$87 50; therefore,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be directed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the present Recorder of the City for the sum of \$300 00 as compensation for his services, and also for balance of fees due him from the Mayor's Court. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Whereas, It appears by affidavits on file that

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due notice has been given to the owners and occupants of property on the north side of Campus Martius, from Monroe avenue to Farmer street; on the north side of Croghan street, from Randolph street to Dequindre street; on the north side of Macomb street, from Randolph street to Dequindre street; on the west side of Park street from Earl street to Sibley street; on the south side of Sibley street, from Park street to Woodward avenue; on the west side of Witherell street, from Earl street to north side of out lot 60; on the west side of Second street, from Woodbridge street to Front street; on the south side of Larned street, from Randolph street to Beaubien street; on the east side of Seventh street, from Fort street to Abbott street; on the north side of Lewis street, from Second street to Third street; on the east side of Fifth street, from Orchard street to Grand River street; on the north side of Fort street, from First street to west line of the city, and any and all other persons interested, that the Common Council would, on the 27th day of February, 1855, meet and review the assessment rolls filled with the City Clerk on the 12th January for the expense of constructing side walks in front of said premises.

And Whereas, No person has appeared to object to said assessment rolls or the confirmation thereof; therefore,

Resolved, That said assessment rolls are hereby approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and names of persons contained therein are received as correct; that the sums which the assessment rolls state to be the correct ones, which each individual or set of individuals shall be assessed at and pay, be the assessment, and be collected from the several individuals liable to pay the same according to law. Adopted.

By Ald. Martin,

Resolved, That the field books reported to this Council as having been correctly prepared by the City Surveyor be delivered to the Assessors as soon as they shall have been qualified, for the purpose of assessing the real and personal property, within the limits of the city of Detroit, for taxes of 1855, according to law; and that the same be returned for confirmation to this Council by the 26th day of May next; and that each Assessor employ one assistant. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKLEY, City Clerk.

Charter Election.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, Feb. 21, 1855.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT AN Election will be held on Monday, the fifth day of March next, for the choice of the following City and Ward Officers, to wit: One Mayor, one Recorder, one Clerk, one Attorney, one Treasurer, one Marshal, one Justice of the Peace, (in place of Charles Pelletier) whose term of office will expire on the fourth day of July next; one Physician, one Director of the Poor, one Sexton, one Clerk of the City Hall Market, one Surveyor, one Weighmaster for the Upper Scales, one Weighmaster for the Lower Scales, three Inspectors of Fire Wood, one Assessor for the First Assessment District, and one Alderman, one Collector, one School Inspector, one Supervisor, and one Constable in and for each Ward in said City.

The following places have been designated for holding the polls of the Election in the several Wards, to wit:

1st Ward—At Commercial Hotel.
2d Ward—At the City Hall.
3d Ward—At Engine House No. 3.
4th Ward—At Engine House No. 6.
5th Ward—At Engine House No. 3.
6th Ward—At William Patton's.
7th Ward—At Engine House No. 7.
8th Ward—At Thomas Hanrahan's, Sixth street, near Michigan Avenue.
10th Ward—At the City Hall.

RICHARD STARKLEY,
City Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, March 13, 1855.

The Council met and was called to order by his Honor the Recorder, Wm. A. Cook.

Present—Aldermen Barclay, Collins, Doyle, Duncan, Finehart, Fischer, Hull, Ingersoll, Lansing, Leroy, Lyon, Martin, Mayhew, Patton, Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Jacob S. Farrand and others, for the appointment of Francis C. Chambers to ring city alarm bell. Referred to Committee on Public Buildings.

Of J. P. Cook and others, for side and cross walks on the west side of Clifford street, from George to Sibley street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of City Marshal, for place of deposit for dead animals, &c. Referred to Special Committee.

The Chair appointed Ald. Leroy, Wilcox, and Doyle as such committee.

Of Joseph Powell and others, two petitions, one for a six foot walk on the south side of Elizabeth street, from Hastings street to Beaubien street, with necessary crossings; and for six foot side walk on north side of Elizabeth street, from Brush street to Beaubien street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of James Killin and others, for side and cross walks on the east and west sides of Fifth street. Laid on the table.

Of Jas. Westaway and others, for side walks on Porter street. Laid on the table.

Of Jas. A. Girardin and others, relative to condition of walks on Sixth street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Lyman Baldwin, to enter Miami avenue sewer from his premises. Granted under direction of City Surveyor.

Ald. Duncan stated that Gen. Lewis Cass was present, and moved that a committee be appointed to invite him to a seat within the bar. The Chair appointed Ald. Duncan and Lansing as such committee.

A communication from E. A. Brush, President of Board of Fire Wardens, that the Board had nominated Robert Wykoff and Thomas Mayberry as Fire Wardens for Eighth Ward. Nominations confirmed.

The committee waited upon Gen. Cass, who took his seat within the bar.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, that he had audited the following accounts:

St. Mary's Hospital, care of sick poor in Feb. \$253 78; James Sutherland, repairing gates of old cemetery \$3 00; W. McCoy, burying dead animals, \$7 73; R. Bartholomew and others, watching fire at Long's stable, \$7 50; D. Crawford, ringing fire alarm, \$2 00. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means with power.

On leave, Ald. Doyle introduced the following communication, which was accepted and ordered placed on file:

OFFICE OF WATER WORKS, }
March 12, 1855. }

To the Hon. the Common Council:

It has been stated to the undersigned by Alderman Doyle, that the resolution offered by him to the Council, asking for a more detailed report from the Board of Water Commissioners, has been misconstrued to intend an imputation of censure upon the management of the works, when it had no such purpose. On the contrary, he entertained no such opinion, but did and does desire to obtain for himself and constituents certain information in a more familiar and general form than the report presents, unless obtained

by examinations and calculations he has not time to devote to it.

Assuming it, under the circumstances, proper to do so, a statement is here presented, with permission of the Council, conveying and covering the information which Alderman Doyle says it was the object of his resolution to obtain.

The iron pipes cost about \$60 per ton; which, stated in another form, makes the cost, per foot,

Of 3 inch pipe -	\$0 50 cents.
Of 4 " -	0 67 "
Of 6 " -	1 12 "
Of 8 " -	1 48 "
Of 10 " -	2 22 "
Of 16 " -	4 00 "
Of 20 " -	6 67 "
Of 24 " -	7 83 "

The cost of excavating and back filling the pipe trenches is 24 cents per cubic yard, which is equivalent, per foot run, to about:

For 3 inch pipe -	11 cents.
For 4 " -	11 "
For 6 " -	12 "
For 8 " -	14 "
For 10 " -	17 "
For 16 " -	22 "
For 20 " -	25 "
For 24 " -	28 "

The cost of laying down the pipes is about 9 cents per foot run, which includes labor, coal, hemp-packing, tools and repairs.

The pig lead costs \$6 96 per 100 lbs., which includes transportation from Galena, hauling, interest from day of purchase until received, and exchange on New York. 54½ tons (or 109,170 lbs.) were used last year. The pipes are 9 feet long, and the lead is used for jointing them. The quantity of lead required for the joints is about:

For 3 inch pipe joint -	6 lbs.
For 4 " " -	8 "
For 6 " " -	12 "
For 8 " " -	16½ "
For 10 " " -	20 "
For 16 " " -	31 "
For 20 " " -	37½ "
For 24 " " -	46½ "

A fire plug, with lead, outer box and setting, costs \$45.

A reservoir valve, when set, costs \$25.

A cord of wood, average, costs \$1 75.

Hauling and distributing pipes in the streets, per ton, costs 56 cents.

Stop cocks cost:

For a 4 inch -	\$30
For a 6 inch -	40
For an 8 inch -	55
For a 10 inch -	70
For a 16 inch -	165
For a 20 inch -	180
For a 24 inch -	200

The wooden box to inclose the stop cock, and setting it, costs \$3 50.

An iron box and cover at the surface of the street costs \$8.

The annual expense of conducting the works and maintaining repairs averages about \$12,000.

It may not be inappropriate to say, that it has never been intended by the Commissioners to envelop their proceedings in any kind of mystery; but, on the contrary, that every information desired should be, as it always has been, cheerfully and freely accorded, not to the members of the Council only, but to any citizen.

Very respectfully,

E. A. BRUSH,

President of the Board of Water Commissioners.
Accepted and adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred sundry petitions for side and cross walks, respectfully asks leave to report in favor of ordering new side walk, six feet wide, on both sides of Adams Avenue, between St. Antoine and Hastings streets; also a cross walk six feet wide across alley west side of Brush street, between Congress and Fort streets.

JOHN KING, Street Comm'r.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned respectfully reports that he has collected twenty dollars and seventy-five cents on account of cleaning paved streets, and presents the Treasurer's receipt for the same.

JOHN KING, Street Comm'r.

Detroit, March 13, 1855.

Accepted and ordered filed.

From the City Treasurer, evidences of indebtedness received into Treasury since February 6, 1855.—Interest Fund, \$2,321 37

Accepted and referred to Committee on Ways and Means, and Auditor.

The Clerk submitted report of the Board of Canvassers of the late charter election, accompanied by the following resolutions, which were accepted, adopted, and ordered placed on record:

Resolved, That Henry Ledyard, having received the greatest number of votes for Mayor; Henry A. Morrow, for Recorder; Richard Starkey, for Clerk; J. Knox Gavin, for Attorney; John Campbell, for Treasurer; Eli Laderoot, for Marshal; John B. Scovel, for Physician; Elisha Chase, for Justice of the Peace; Luther B. Willard, for Director of the Poor; Thomas Campan, for Surveyor; Frederick Daneke, for Sexton; John Robson, for Clerk of the City Hall Market; Enos Lebot, for Weighmaster of the Upper Hay Scales; Charles H. Damm, for Weighmaster of the Lower Scales; Francis L'Esperance, Henry Decker and Ansell Wing, for Inspectors of Fire-wood; Mason Palmer, for Assessor of the First District; John Reno, for Assessor of the Second District, be, and the same are hereby declared elected to their respective offices; and that, in the

FIRST WARD,

Albert Marsh was elected Alderman.
David Stewart, Collector.
Charles Eyrann, School Inspector, (full term.)
Edward C. Walker, School Inspector, (vacancy.)
Thomas Hurst, Supervisor.
Levi W. Dings, Constable; and that in the

SECOND WARD,

William H. Craig was elected Alderman.
Charles O'Neil, Collector.
James A. Brown, School Inspector.
Amos Chaffee, Supervisor.
Ara W. Sprague, Constable; and that in the

THIRD WARD,

Anthony Dudgeon was elected Alderman.
William P. Roberts, Collector.
Levi Bishop, School Inspector.
Peter Dixon, Supervisor.
John B. Stadler, Constable; and that in the

FOURTH WARD,

Bradley H. Thompson was elected Alderman.
Adam Orth, Collector.
John M. Davis, School Inspector.
John J. Dederichs, Supervisor.
Christopher Stadler, Constable; and that in the

FIFTH WARD,

Robert W. King was elected Alderman.
John Sharp, Collector.
George F. R. Wadleigh, School Inspector.
Thomas Hanks, Supervisor.
Benjamin Sparling, Constable; and that in the

SIXTH WARD,

Alanson Sholey was elected Alderman.
Earl F. Plantz, Collector.
John J. Bagley, School Inspector.
William Schweim, Supervisor.
Justin Higgins, Constable; and that in the

SEVENTH WARD,

Robert Reaume was elected Alderman.
John Hilsendegen, Collector.
David C. Frazier, School Inspector.
Peter Classen, Supervisor.
John Reilly, Constable; and that in the

EIGHTH WARD,

Stephen Martin was elected Alderman.
Nicholas Burke, Collector.
Charles Dupont, School Inspector.
James Canles, Supervisor.
Charles Doherty, Constable.

On motion of Alderman Doyle, it was

Resolved, That the Chairman and Secretary be directed to sign the statement of the foregoing Canvass and resolutions, and transmit the same to the Common Council of the City of Detroit. WM. BARCLAY, Ch'n.
JAMES COLLINS, Secretary. mar11-18

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Leroy.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings be and are hereby requested to examine the bell purchased by the city of Detroit, and if found according to contract, then forthwith to cause the said bell to be properly put up or hung in the steeple of the 1st Presbyterian church, for an alarm bell, agreeable to arrangements heretofore made between the city of Detroit and the Trustees of the said society. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy.

Resolved, That the City Auditor report to this Council at its next meeting whether any of the retiring officers have failed to settle their accounts with the city. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy.

Resolved, That the City Attorney ascertain and report to this Council whether any of the persons declared by the Board of Canvassers to be elected to office at the late charter election, were ineligible at the time of said election.

Adopted.

By Ald. Doyle.

Resolved, by the Common Council of the city of Detroit, That in the retiring of the Hon. O. M. Hyde from the office of Chief Magistrate of this Corporation, he carries with him the best wishes of the members of this Council. For his gentlemanly deportment, his candor of expression, his social and generous impulses, his personal attention to the business of his official station, and his pleasant intercourse with us, he merits the highest approbation of this Council; while he carries with him our united wishes for a long life of happiness and prosperity. Adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hull, a committee was appointed to wait upon the Mayor and request his attendance.

The chair appointed Ald. Hull and Finehart as such committee.

Ald. Patton addressed the Council as follows:
MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

Inasmuch as the period of my services as one of the Board of Aldermen of this city is about to terminate, and it may not be my privilege to meet again in Council with any of the present Board, I respectfully ask leave to detain you a few moments ere we separate. My object in making this request is to have an opportunity from my place here, of returning my sincere thanks to the several members of this Council, and to the City Officers, for the courtesy and kindness they have shown me on all occasions; also to my constituents of the 3d Ward, and to the citizens generally, for the good feeling they have shown towards me since I became a resident of this city.

Gentlemen, it may not be inappropriate, at this time, to review some of the actions of the late Board, and to look for a moment at what has been done in our city during the past year.—Although that fearful scourge, the cholera, has raged among us, and made many cheerful and happy homes desolate, and many true and warm hearts have been made cold, yet many improvements have been made, and large amounts of money expended; but, if you will look back for a moment, you will see that our Water Works have been improved—streets have been paved—side and cross-walks made—a large amount of sewerage done—gas placed in the principal streets—an energetic and well organized Fire Department continued, that will vie with any in

the Union—our Free School system has been extended and its usefulness increased. And, gentlemen, at no future time can any person say with justice that the authorities of the city for the year 1854 have been behind the age, or wanting in energy and perseverance in the discharge of their duties; and I fondly hope that, in reviewing the proceedings of the past year, they will compare favorably with any period in the history of our city. Justice, equality, courtesy, and the absence of all political intrigues, have characterized our Council. Party has been unknown in our deliberations, and the good of the city has been the ruling principle.

And, now, as we are about to separate, and to deliver the trust which had been confided to us into the hands of others, we can, I hope, say to them with truth, that all the affairs connected with the government and well being of our city are in a prosperous and happy condition. I doubt not we may have committed errors, but they were errors of the head, not of the heart.

Gentlemen of the new Board, I hazard nothing in saying that you have the warmest wishes of the retiring members.

Ald. Doyle offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Hon. William A. Cook, Recorder, for the dignified, courteous, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations, and for the zeal and fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his office; and that he carries with him the warmest wishes of every member of this Council, in retiring from his office.

The Recorder then addressed the Council as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I thank you most cordially for the expression contained in the resolution you have just adopted. Taken in connection with a resolution in my favor, passed at your last session, and more especially in connection with the many marks of kindness which you have shown—the repeated manifestations of confidence and respect which you have exhibited—towards me, during my official term, I am persuaded that the resolution you have now adopted is not intended as a mere formal compliment, but as an expression of the honest convictions of all your hearts.

Gentlemen, if one who, for a season, has held a position of trust, whether political or otherwise, when called upon to commit that trust to other hands, can, with an approving conscience, adopt the language of an eminent hero and statesman of our own times, (uttered as he was passing away to his final account,) and say, in regard to the execution of his trust, "I have always endeavored to do my duty," he may well derive satisfaction in the reflection, although in the discharge of such duty his motives may have been impeached and his conduct condemned.

Gentlemen, I am about to transfer a trust, committed to me one year since, to another more worthy of it than myself. The transfer is most cheerfully made, for my constant effort faithfully to execute this trust has been attended with no little personal sacrifice and with the *ordinary measure of censure*. However my official acts may have been viewed by others, I retire from my position with the comforting assurance of having at all times been actuated by an earnest endeavor to discharge my duty in accordance with my official oath, and with an eye single to the best interests of Detroit. That I have not *entirely* failed in effecting this purpose,

the resolution you have adopted tends to assure me. And allow me to remark, gentlemen, that I believe a similar purpose—an earnest endeavor *faithfully to discharge your duty*—has actuated each of you during the past fiscal year. You have all been faithful at your posts—you have watched carefully the public funds—you have allowed no wasteful expenditures—you have pushed on the system of public improvements adopted by your predecessors as rapidly as could consistently be done—you have met cheerfully the requests of the body having charge of our Common Schools, and lent all the aid in your power to promote the cause of education—you have exerted your official influence to advance the cause of temperance, and to promote peace and good order in our city. In a word, gentlemen, (and I bear this testimony in your favor none the less cheerfully, in that a majority of your members are my political opponents,) the record of your acts will compare well with that of any previous Council; and although, as usual, the discharge of your *gratuitous duties* has been attended with few thanks, and many reproaches, from those who, if they had but occupied your places, would "have done all things well," I doubt not you all experience, at this moment, the comforting reflection springing from an earnest endeavor faithfully to discharge your duty.

Gentlemen, I thank you all for the kind treatment I have received at your hands during my term of office; and I also tender my acknowledgments to the Attorney, Auditor, Clerk, Marshal, Assistant Marshal, and other officers of the city, for repeated acts of kindness shown me, and for their aid in the discharge of my duties. Our pleasant association together is now to be dissolved; and, as we separate, permit me, gentlemen, to assure you of my best wishes in your behalf. May you be abundantly blessed in all the relations and circumstances of life; may you be happy through all of time; and, when life's changing scenes are over, may you all be participants in the unending happiness and unmingled joys of the better world.

The Committee then introduced his Honor, Mayor Hyde, who addressed the Council as follows:

MR. RECORDER, ALDERMEN, OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL, AND FELLOW CITIZENS:

Having designed to leave the city yesterday for Washington, I did not expect to have met you here this evening; I had therefore requested his Honor the Recorder to do the duties properly devolving upon myself. But, gentlemen, having been unavoidably detained until this evening, I could not but appear before you to express to you my thanks for the many kindnesses you have shown me during my official term as your chief magistrate.

We, gentlemen of the Council, have been associated together, by the will of the people, for the past year, as the guardians of the interests of our most beautiful city, containing a population of over fifty thousand people. We have in some respects had an unfortunate year. Sickness of an unusual character appeared among us, and I feel justified in saying I have had your co-operation in doing all that could be done under the circumstances.

That, gentlemen, and the necessary city improvements, have made your duty for the past year a very arduous one, and I feel pleased in being able to say that you have never shrunk from any responsibility when your duty called you. I feel happy, gentlemen, in being able to say that you all have kindly devoted your time

to the faithful discharge of your duty and for the good of our citizens.

Allow me again, gentlemen, to thank you for the good and kind feelings which have been shown to me and by you to each other during the time we have been associated together; and those of us who are about to retire from the responsible trust confided to us by our fellow citizens, I feel warranted in saying, retire with the kindest feelings to our successors; and you, gentlemen, that hold over, I trust will extend that kindness that has always been extended to me to my successor and to your associates the coming year.

With these few remarks, gentlemen, I shall leave the chair with his Honor the Recorder; but allow me to wish you all prosperity, and that you may long live to enjoy the blessings so justly due for your devoted labors for the benefit of your fellow citizens.

By Ald. Martin,
Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to Aldermen Collins, Patton, Lyon, Hull, Barclay, and Fischer, in retiring from office, for the faithful manner in which they have discharged the duties of Aldermen of this Board, and that they carry with them the warmest wishes of every member of this Council Adopted.

The chair appointed Ald. Patton and Lansing to wait upon the Mayor elect, and inform him that the chair was ready to administer the oath of office.

NEW BOARD.

The Mayor elect, Hon. Henry Ledyard, appeared upon the platform with the committee, and being duly sworn by the Recorder, took the chair.

The Recorder elect appeared and was sworn in by Hon. Wm. A. Cook.

The following Aldermen elect were sworn in by the Clerk and took their seats:

From the 1st Ward, Albert Marsh; 3d Ward, Anthony Dudgeon; 4th Ward, Bradley H. Thompson; 5th Ward, Robert W. King; 6th Ward, Alanson Sheley; 7th Ward, Robert Reaume; 8th Ward, Stephen Martin.

His Honor the Mayor then addressed the Council as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

Called upon to undertake the duties of Chief Magistrate of this city, I avail myself of this occasion to express my grateful acknowledgments for the favor extended towards me by my fellow citizens, and to declare how sensibly I feel my inability to discharge those duties in such a manner as to justify the confidence they have bestowed upon me. But I rely upon the support of those possessed of more experience and ability, who, with me, desire that our city should enjoy the advantages of an administration of order, honesty, economy and efficiency, and who will countenance my efforts to carry this object into effect.

To you, gentlemen, with whom I have the honor to be associated, I look with encouragement for that counsel and support which may enable us to perform those duties with which we are charged by our constituents so as to gain their entire and cordial approbation.

We have passed through an animated contest, which, as in all free countries, has been attended with considerable excitement. But it is a happy feature in the working of our political system, that, after the question at issue has been decided by the people, all submit themselves to that decision, and unite their action for the common

good. We are all embarked in the same vessel, and all our efforts should be directed to secure her a happy and prosperous voyage.

Let us unite, then, with one heart and one mind. Let us extend equal justice and equal rights to all our citizens, of whatever country and religion—for *here* they are all *Americans*; and the only question with relation to each one's claim to public confidence and office should be, not where he is born, but, in the language of Mr. Jefferson, "Is he honest—is he capable—is he faithful to the constitution?" Let us practice economy in the expenditure of the taxes; meet our obligations promptly; maintain the sacred preservation of the public faith; encourage all proper improvements required to advance the growth of a young and rising city, consistent with the ability of the tax-payer and the present financial embarrassment of the country; and promote the diffusion of knowledge by providing means of education for all, by our inestimable system of Free Schools.

So far as depends upon myself, it is my determination to enforce all existing laws, and, if you will give me your hearty co-operation, I am persuaded that many of the abuses and evils complained of in our city affairs will be corrected. And we may feel assured that the existing laws are sufficient, if executed with energy, by the success which has attended the efforts of the present Chief Magistrate of the City of New York, who, by his prompt and efficient administration, is making that city an example of order for the rest of the Union. Here, as there, I cannot doubt that the people are disposed to rally in defence of law, order, and justice, and, by a large majority, are in favor of a rigid and unfaltering enforcement of the laws.

Among the recent amendments to the city charter is one providing that all city officers shall be subject to removal by a majority of all the members elected of the Common Council, for such cause as they may deem sufficient. Should any officer be found wanting in his duty I shall not hesitate to recommend his removal, in the confident expectation that the Council will carry such recommendation into effect, and replace them by an energetic and efficient substitute. But I feel assured that no such contingency will arise, and that every officer will so discharge his duty as to meet your approbation and that of his fellow citizens.

With these views, gentlemen, I assume the post assigned me. I ask your confidence so that we may give strength and efficiency to the administration of our city affairs. I may often err, through defect of judgment, but never intentionally. I pray you to rely upon the honesty of my purpose, and grant me your indulgence for any errors I may commit. By the exercise of a spirit of mutual confidence and conciliation, we may hope that our councils will promote the advancement and prosperity of our highly favored and beautiful city,—to some, the home of their birth,—to others, the home of their adoption,—to *all*, the home of their choice.

The Mayor announced the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year:

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Ways and Means—Dudgeon, Lansing, Duncan,
Markets—Fincham, Ingersoll, Mayhew.
Gas Lights—Duncan, King, Craig.
Health—Dudgeon, Sheley, Marsh.
Hydraulics—Thompson, Marsh, Mayhew.
Sewers—Martin, Sheley, Leroy.
Fire Department—King, Thompson, Sheley.

Printing—Reaume, Wilcox, Martin.

Taxes—Sheley, Marsh, Reaume.

Licenses—Doyle, Craig, Ingersoll.

Claims—Leroy, Thompson, Finehart.

Public Buildings—Lansing, Martin, Wilcox.

On motion of Ald. Doyle, the standing rules of the last Council were adopted.

The following communications were read:

DETROIT, March 13, 1855.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

Having received a notice from the City Clerk, informing me of my election as Assessor for the First District, I beg leave to state that I was elected without my knowledge or consent, and that business engagements will prevent my taking upon myself the duties of that office.

Respectfully,

MASON PALMER.

Accepted.

By Alderman Martin,

Resolved, That James Hamner be and he is hereby appointed to the office of Assessor for the First Assessment District in the city of Detroit, in place of Mason Palmer, who was elected to said office on the 5th instant, but who declines to take upon himself the duties thereof. Adopted.

I do most respectfully report the name of Patrick McGinnis, Esq., as Assistant Marshal, and request your honorable body to appoint him as such, on condition that he files the requisite bonds with the City Clerk.

ELI LADEROOT, City Marshal.

Accepted.

On motion of Ald. Wilcox, P. McGinnis was appointed Assistant Marshal during the pleasure of the Council.

The following resolution was offered by Ald. Duncan:

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to contract with the publisher of the *Free Press*, at a price not exceeding those now paid him, for printing required by the city for the ensuing year.

Ald. Duncan moved the previous question.

Ald. Wilcox moved to lay on table.

The Mayor decided the motion out of order.

The demand for the previous question was then sustained as follows:

Yeas—Aldermen Doyle, Dudgeon, Duncan, Finehart, Martin, Mayhew, Reaume, Thompson, and the Mayor—9.

Nays—Aldermen Ingersoll, King, Lansing, Leroy, Marsh, Sheley, and Wilcox—7.

The resolution was then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Aldermen Doyle, Dudgeon, Duncan, Finehart, Martin, Mayhew, Reaume, Thompson, and the Mayor—9.

Nays—Aldermen Ingersoll, King, Lansing, Leroy, Marsh, Sheley, and Wilcox—7.

The Council then adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

Detroit, February 12, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:

To Rev. Geo. Duffield, Warman Brown, John Gilbert, Joseph Long, William Shaw, James Menzie, Robert Brown, Albert Jorden, E. S. Sibley, Thomas Smith, "unknown," A. S. Bagg, James Abbott, John Scott (estate of,) Alanson Sheeley, Benjamin Stimpson, Theodor G. Lewis, Philo Parsons, Sarah Davenport, Colin Campbell, Timothy Pales, Thomas Howson, Robert H. Brown, William Rowe, Daniel Rowe, Cyrus Harmon, Geo. S. Beal, Thomas Chaffee, F. J. B. Crane, —McHutcheon, Walter Paton, Edward Dean, John W. Hodgkin, John C. Sabine, George Duffield, Benjamin Fisher, James Rankin, William Moor, Joseph Andrew (estate of,) Wm. Wayne, Dennis & Young, W. R. Edwards, City of Detroit, Richard H. Hall, A. H. Newbould, Edward Campau, Oliver Newberry, E. S. Leadbeater, Lewis Cass, Chandler & Joy, Harmon Degraff (estate of,) B. Vernon, Catherine H. Jones, Albert Ewers (estate of,) M. P. Hutchins, Charles Luff, John S. Barry, Calvin C. Rove (Van Avery, agent), Stephen Newhall, G. S. Lester, J. W. Hodgkins, Mrs. Hathorn, John Gibson, Jonathan Teagan, Samuel Barrow, T. H. Lockwood, Patrick Welsh, Henry Mayberry

John Farmer, James Tilson, Mrs. H. F. Sprague, Michael Condon, John Condon, Crane & Wesson, Daniel Conner, Thomas Thorp, Patrick O'Halerhan, Patrick Cairry, Moses Murphy, Bartholomew Horgan, Geo. Pattison, Daniel Killy, Hallock & Raymond, C. C. Heinbeck, James Hunter, Henry F. Mayles, Michael Kenedy, Michael Donahue, Michael Barrett, Daniel Barrett, Thomas Calnon, Edward Calnon, John Miller, Richard Midgeley, Edward Barclay, John Karney, T. F. Morris, T. M. Cronewell, Jane McGlenn, T. G. Kimball, Hugh Brady, John Mahony, Daniel Goodwin, Jeremiah Calnon, Edward Shewl, Patrick Whalen, Timothy Scully, Robert Lum, David Kendall, Mary Amoooney, Joseph H. Bagg, John Copland, James Stuart, William Young, —Armstrong, James Brady, —Laderoot, John R. Williams, Eli Laderoot, J. B. Schmittiel, Henry Bush, James B. Regerman, —French, Andrew Hoyer, Francis Belsch, Martin Blank, Barabaz Orth, Rudolph Orth, Frank Claren, John George, —Kies, Elias Kartus, Hugh Smith (hirs of,) Jacob Stubell, Christian Hatun, Goodwin Hiltoig, Jacob Shaffer, Henry Smith, Charles Wight, Mathias Sathman, Conrad Linn, Samuel Mills, John Newhoff, A. B. Borden, W. E. Goshuch, Widow Shatter, Elaislaa Tomblis, Henry Sillo, Wm. Helwig, John Andrew, Christian Hady, Francis Boneat, Phillip Harper, Antony Murray, Peter Elessene, John Heft, John Damer, A. Mayermar, Jacob Cloisce, —Howermurren, Nancy Mulligan, John Roth, Hugh Smith, John Macus, Dennis Demise, George French, John Watson (heirs of,) F. J. B. Crane, Frederick Perrie, L. H. Cobb, Daniel Campau, Elwood, Widow Warren, F. Roddy, J. L. Kowe, F. Macgill, Charles Laderoot, Thomas strong, Thomas Waitford, William Fisher, Mathias Schumacher, Andrew Fredrick, Greenbury Hudge, Madison Lightfoot, T. G. Rug, Conrad Gies, Harriet Dolson, Mathew Faser, Fabin Mango, —Saunders, Gregory Bruah, Mathus Borhill, Peter Boorbeck, Widow Borler, John A. Damm, John M. Davis, Michael Damler, Peter Eberts, Isaac Fisher, Jacob Stach, John M. Davis, Sylvester L. Laderoot, Conrad Gies, Henry Gies, Roman Geris, Adam Meldrum, John Shefferly, William Debtier, Schlupp & Schitz, John Dubois, Louis Stauch, Peter Stauch, A. Stauch, John Benoit, Christopher Dubach, Henry Werner, Michael Brealehan, William Dust, Miss Edmond, Hyram Freedman, Mary Odell, A. Chain, Wm. Boland, John V. Mehling, Francis Mariz, Mary Barker, James McGomgill, Barnard Morris, William McGlelland, Jacob Gud, Charles Laderoot, Andre Monroe, Eli Laderoot, and the owners and occupants of property on the north side of Campus Martius, from Monroe avenue to Farmer street; on the north side of Croghan street, from Randolph street to Dequindre street; on the north side of Macomb street, from Randolph street to Dequindre street; on the west side of Park street, from Earl street to Sibley street, on the south side of Sibley street, from Park street to Woodward avenue; on the west side of Witherell street, from Earl street to north side of out lot 60; on the west side of Second street, from Woodbridge street to Front street; on the south side of Larned street, from Randolph street to Beaubien street; on the east side of Seventh street, from Fort street to Abbott street; on the north side of Lewis street, from Second street to Third street; on the east side of Fifth street, from Orchard street to Grand River street; on the north side of Fort street, from First street to west line of the city, and any and all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of constructing plank side-walks in front of or adjacent to the above described premises, and that the reports or assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the Clerk of said city, where they will remain open for your inspection until Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of February, A. D. 1855, when and where you may be and appear before the Common Council, at the Common Council Room of said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

By order of the Common Council.

Feb 16-10d

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Detroit, March 13, 1855.

IN OBEDIENCE TO A RESOLUTION OF THE Common Council of the city of Detroit, adopted on the 6th instant, requiring the City Auditor to advertise for proposals for paving streets and alleys, as reported by the Committee on Streets, on the 20th of February last. Notice is, therefore, hereby given, that sealed proposals will be received at this office, until the 2d day of April next, at 12 o'clock M., for paving the following streets and alleys, and all such other streets and alleys as may be ordered paved during the season of 1855, viz:

Bates street from Congress street to Michigan avenue. Michigan avenue from Bates street to Randolph street; Randolph street from Larned to Congress street; Brush street from Jefferson avenue to Congress street; Woodward street from Jefferson avenue to Congress street. All alleys east of Woodward avenue to Beaubien street, between Jefferson avenue and Congress street; Larned street from Fourth to Woodbridge street. All cross streets and alleys west of Griswold street, between Jefferson avenue and Michigan street; Griswold street from Jefferson avenue to Michigan street; Congress street from Woodward street to Griswold street; Fort street from Woodward avenue to Griswold street.

Said proposals to be endorsed "Proposals for Paving Streets and Alleys," and the right to accept or reject any or all such proposals is expressly reserved.

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CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, March 20, 1855.

The Council was called to order by his Hon. the Mayor, HENRY LEDYARD.

Present, Ald. Craig, Doyle, Dudgeon, Duncan, Finehart, Ingersoll, King, Leroy, Marsh, Martin, Reaume, Sheley, Thompson, and Wilcox.

Proceedings of last Council read, and On motion of Ald. Doyle, the nominations of committees by the Mayor confirmed.

PETITIONS.

Of G. B. Parsons, to be appointed City Chimney Sweep. Granted.

Of *Michigan Volksblatt*, for publication of proceedings of Council. Laid on the table.

Of William Robson and others, that a City Pound be established, and Patrick Lynch be appointed Pound Master. Laid on the table.

Of William Jones, to be appointed City Scavenger. Granted.

Of S. Finney and John Brown, that an assessment be made for the paving of State street, from Woodward avenue to Randolph street.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Theo. J. Campau and others, for cross walks across Madison avenue, on the east side of the intersection of the same with John R. street.

Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Campbell McGregor and others, for the appointment of W. E. Bartholomew, as night fire watch, and to ring the public bell in First Presbyterian Church. Referred to Committee on Buildings.

Of Julius Fahn and others, for walk across Russell street, at the south corner of Clinton street.

Of C. F. Moors and others, for brick sewer on Cass street, to commence on the north side of Fort street, and empty into Michigan avenue sewer. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of Thomas Campau, City Surveyor, for an increase of salary. Referred to Committee on Claims and City Auditor.

Of J. Owen and others, for paving of alley between Fort and Congress streets, from Griswold to Second street. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of members of Engine Co. No. 8 for payment of bill of \$15 00 for keys furnished company.—Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of Wm. Knowles and others, for side walk six feet wide on the north side of Sibley street, from Park to Clifford street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of John McReynolds and others, for sewer in Brush street, from Jefferson avenue to Fort street. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of Mathew Oliver, to connect with sewer on Woodward avenue. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of James V. Buel, for damages, caused by an obstruction in streets. Referred to Committee on Claims and City Attorney.

Of A. S. Sherwood and others, for a six foot side walk on the east side of Second street, between Michigan avenue and Lewis street. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of F. Jaurett and others, for abating of nuisance caused by gas company draining into Eighth Ward Sewer. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

The following communication was received from the Board of Education:

BOARD OF EDUCATION, }
DETROIT, March 20, 1855. }

To the Common Council of Detroit:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of

Education, held last evening, its Auditing Committee made and submitted a full and carefully prepared report of the financial affairs of the Board, together with an estimate of the probable receipts and necessary expenses and disbursements of the Board for the current year. I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of this report, together with a resolution which the committee recommended, and which the Board adopted unanimously. To the facts set forth in this report, I can add nothing. It is full; it covers the subject, and it speaks for itself. I might, however say, that the Board are disposed now, as they always have been, to practice a rigid economy, and have been anxious to fix upon an amount of money as low as possible, which they might feel compelled to ask of the Common Council and of the city.

It will be seen that the resources of the Board, including the whole sum asked for, falls some two thousand dollars short of the estimated expenses, and I am fully of the opinion that the schools cannot be successfully carried on without the whole amount asked for the present year.

I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

LEVI BISSON,

President of the Board.

"Resolved, That the Common Council be requested to assess and levy a tax of two dollars for each child in the city between the ages of 4 and 18 years according to the last school census on file in the Secretary's office, amounting to nineteen thousand nine hundred and sixty-five dollars, to be expended in the support and maintenance of the public schools under the charge of this Board for the ensuing year, and that the President be requested to communicate to them this resolution at their next session." Accepted.

Ald. Doyle offered the following:

"Resolved, That a tax be assessed, levied and collected on all the real and personal property within the city according to the city assessment rolls for the present year, of two dollars each for all the children of the city between the ages of four and eighteen, amounting to nineteen thousand nine hundred and sixty-six dollars, according to the last report of the school census of the city, on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education and in the Clerk's office of Wayne county, the said amount to be expended for the support and maintenance of the public schools of the city, under the charge of the Board of Education for the current year, according to law.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From James Cannan, enclosing claim for burying burned horses, by order of Marshal, amounting to \$15. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From Wm H. Barse, enclosing claim for arresting vagrants, &c., amounting to \$122 68. Referred to Committee on Claims and City Auditor.

REPORTS.

From City Auditor, accounts of Detroit Gas Light Company, for setting lamp posts, fixtures, labor, and paving around the same, amounting to \$213 08, asking action of the Council. Accepted, and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited: G. V. N. Lothrop, professional services, \$50; David Kendall, building side walks, \$44 95; S. Britton, burying 9 paupers, &c., \$45 75; Wm. Knowles, repairing reservoirs, \$20 98; W. Perkins, 22 cords of wood for engine houses, \$88;

P. Connelly, sawing 22 cords of wood, and cleaning stove pipes for engine houses, \$19 25; E. S. Leadbeater, 1 cord of wood for engine house, \$4; John Ulrich, services about City Hall, \$30 46; M. Henderson, hauling city bell to First Presbyterian Church, \$21 50; Wm. Paton, use of house and lights for charter election, \$10; W. Jones, burying 237 dogs and cats, \$29 62. Accepted, and referred to Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

From the City Clerk, bonds of city and ward officers.

On motion of Ald. Wilcox, all bonds of city officers were referred to Committee on Ways and Means and City Auditor, and bonds of ward officers to the Aldermen of their respective wards, with power.

From the City Marshal, that he has collected \$3,039 84 since last report, upon paving assessments, and paid the same to the City Treasurer; also, reporting back an assessment roll for abating a nuisance on lots 11 and 12, Gouin Farm. Said roll was placed in my hands for the purpose of collecting the amount assessed and abating the nuisance, all which has been done, and a receipt for the labor accompanies the roll.

From the City Attorney, that, in his opinion, all the officers elected on the 6th of March inst., were eligible. Accepted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the report of the City Surveyor, of March 7th, in regard to paving the alley in rear of the Rotunda Building, beg leave to submit the following report:

In the year 1850, the alley was paved and paid for by the owners of the lots fronting on said alley. In the summer of 1853 the said alley was found to be paved above the established grade, and, on a petition of Baggs & McLeod, the said alley was repaired to correspond to the proper grade, at the expense of the city; and in the fall following, the paving was taken up by the citizens adjoining for the purpose of repairing a private drain, and an assessment was made by the City Surveyor for paying the expense of repairing the drain and repaving the alley, which assessment was placed in the hands of the City Marshal and collected by him. The Marshal paid for repairing the drain, but kept the balance of the money, amounting to about fifty dollars. The alley was not paved that fall, and was left in a bad condition until the 30th of May, 1854. The Council passed a resolution ordering the alley to be repaired under the direction of Street Commissioner; also directed the City Surveyor to make an assessment for the same on the lots adjoining. In consequence of the alley not being paved in the fall of 1853, the cost of repairing was nearly double, and it became necessary to make a new assessment; and in order to do so, it was necessary to have the original assessment. The City Surveyor called on the Marshal for it, but was unable to obtain it. The Marshal still has both the assessment roll and the money in his hands, which the committee understand he refuses to deliver to the city.

The above are the facts in the matter, and your committee report the same back to the Council for such action as they deem necessary. Accepted. W. W. WILCOX, Committee.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred sundry petitions for side and cross walks, respectfully asks leave to report in favor of ordering new side walks, six feet wide, on the west side of Clifford street, from Earl street to Sibley street; a side walk on the south side of Elizabeth street, from

Hastings street to Beaubien street, with cross walks on all intervening streets and alleys which may be necessary to complete the side walks hereby recommended.

JOHN KING,
Accepted and adopted. Street Com' r.

From the Committee on Claims, in favor of allowing James Cannan twelve dollars for burying 16 dead horses. Accepted and adopted.

To the Hon. Council:

The special committee, to whom was referred the petition of the City Marshal, in relation to a nuisance complained of, beg leave to say that the same has been abated, but in view of any future occurrence of this kind, your committee would recommend that the Council take immediate steps to procure a suitable place for the deposit of all such, or other nuisances as may have to be removed by the city authorities.

H. H. LEROY, Special Committee.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Hon. Council:

We beg leave to state that, some time since, petitions were sent to the Council asking them to take measures to prevent disturbances that were of frequent occurrence at some of the fire engine houses. The Council referred the subject to the Committee on Fire Department, with instructions to report. Upon investigation, they were ascertained to originate with boys belonging to the hose companies, and their associates. Your committee then requested the Chief Engineer to call a special meeting of the foremen of all the engine companies, which, after much consultation resolved unanimously to disband the present hose companies and have the hose taken care of, and the cart run, by members of the engine companies, with the understanding that the committee would recommend the Council to pay to said companies what would be deemed an equivalent for the care thereof.

Resolved, therefore, That the city pay to each of said companies the sum of \$72 per year, quarterly from the second Tuesday of February in each year, so long as the said fire companies shall continue to carry the hose and take charge of them through none others than the regular members of the Fire Department, under the direction of the proper officers of the companies, except in special cases, when it may be necessary for them to employ other competent men.

H. H. LEROY.

Laid on the table.

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolution for the assessment, levying and collecting of the sum of \$19,966 for the use of the Board of Education, beg leave to report that they have investigated the same, and recommend the adoption of the resolution.

A. DUDGEON,

Chairman Committee on Ways and Means.
Accepted and adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of Ald. Ingersoll, the petition of the Messrs. Schimmel was taken from the table.

Ald. Ingersoll then moved that the City Auditor be instructed to contract with the proprietors of the *Michigan Volksblatt* to print the proceedings of the Council, upon the same terms as done by the *Michigan Democrat* the last year.

Ald. Doyle moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "*Volksblatt*," and inserting "*Democrat*."

Lost as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Doyle, Dudgeon, Duncan, Martin, Beaume, Thompson, and the Mayor—7.

Nays—Ald. Craig, Finehart, Ingersoll, King, Leroy, Marsh, Sibley and Wilcox—8.

Ald. Doyle moved to lay, upon the table.

Lost by previous vote.

Ald. Ingersoll moved the previous question.

Carried—yeas 8, nays 7.

The motion of Ald. Ingersoll was then carried.

On motion of Ald. Martin, the petition of James Killan for certain side walks, &c., was taken from the table and referred to the Street Commissioner.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Dudgeon,

Resolved, That the Committee on Sewers be instructed to investigate the propriety and necessity of building a small sewer on Beaubien St., commencing at Jefferson Avenue, and terminating at the Fort Street sewer, previous to the paving of said Beaubien street; and report the result to this Council. Adopted.

By Ald. King,

Resolved, That Chas. O'Neil be authorized to act as a special police officer at the Firemen's Hall, without expense to the city. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Mayor appoint a committee of three to be a committee on pounds, whose duty it shall be to procure a site and erect a pound thereon for the purpose of impounding unruly or vagrant animals. Adopted.

The Mayor appointed Ald. Wilcox, Thompson and Reaume as such committee.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Whereas, A number of side and cross walks have been ordered by this Council, for which assessments have been made, and confirmed by this board and the walks thus ordered are much needed, and it is desirable that they should be built as soon as possible. Be it therefore

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to procure said assessment rolls from all officers of the city, and any other person who may have in his possession any of said rolls, and that he proceed forthwith to have the walks built according to the requirements of the city ordinances relative thereto; and that the assessments for said walks, as soon as they are completed and certified to by said Street Commissioner, be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and he, the said Marshal, is hereby instructed to have the assessments collected and make returns to this Board, as directed by said city ordinances. And be it further

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to report to this Board what modifications he deem necessary, if any, in the ordinances of this city relative to the cleaning and labor to be done on the public streets of this city the present year. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to have the roof of the City Hall repaired forthwith, the same being now in bad condition. Adopted.

By Ald. Dudgeon,

Whereas, Numerous errors and frauds are alleged, and generally believed, to have been committed and perpetrated in the assessment roll of this city for 1854; and whereas the fair fame of the city demands that said errors and frauds be investigated, and the perpetrators of the latter brought to justice if practicable. Therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of three, of whom the Recorder shall be one, be appointed by the Chair to investigate and report to this Council the cause and origin of said errors and frauds; and for that purpose that said committee be and they are hereby invested with full power to send for persons and papers, and to adopt all such legal means as they may deem necessary to carry out the object of their appointment.

Ald. Sholey moved to amend by inserting the Mayor upon the committee.

The following committee was then appointed: The Mayor, Recorder, Ald. Dudgeon and Leroy.

Resolved, That the Mayor appoint a committee of five, of whom his Honor shall be one, for the purpose of ascertaining where, and on what terms, a suitable place may be provided for the erection of an alms and house of correction, and such other matter in reference to the subject as they may deem proper, and report to this Council at their earliest convenience. Adopted.

The Mayor and Ald. Leroy, Dudgeon, King, and Martin were appointed as such committee.

By Ald. Doyle,

Resolved, That the City Auditor draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the inspectors, clerks, police and house-holders for rooms and supplies furnished, and services rendered, at the late charter election and canvass, upon the certificate of the inspectors of each ward, now on file in the Clerk's office. Adopted.

By the Mayor,

Resolved, That the Committee on Sewers be and are hereby requested to report at their earliest convenience upon the expediency of constructing a sewer in the First and Fifth wards, agreeable to the report of the City Surveyor of 14th March, 1854.

Ald. Leroy moved to amend by appointing one Alderman from each ward as such committee.

Ald. Duncan moved that the whole Board constitute the committee. Lost.

Ald. Leroy's amendment was passed, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

The following committee was appointed: Ald. Duncan, Craig, Dudgeon, Finehart, Leroy, Sholey, Doyle and Martin.

By Ald. Reaume,

Resolved, That the City Marshal notify the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company to clean the culverts under the track from Orleans to Rivard street forthwith. Referred to Street Commissioner.

By Ald. Doyle,

Resolved, That the Committee on Markets and the City Auditor report to this Council at its next meeting a schedule of rents to be charged for stalls in the City Hall Market for the present year. Adopted.

By Ald. Dudgeon,

Resolved, That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby, instructed to report to this Council an ordinance for the prevention of the use of camphene or burning fluid as lights in hotels, boarding houses, dwellings, mills, work-shops, stores and buildings of all descriptions within this city. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

By Ald. Sholey,

Resolved, That the Building Committee be directed to fit up rooms in the old Seminary building, (so called,) suitable for an office for his Honor the Mayor; and, also, a room for the several committees, to be called the committee room for the use of the Common Council.—Adopted.

By Ald. Sholey,

Resolved, That the Building Committee be directed to fit up a room in the lower part of this hall for the use of the Street Commissioner.—Adopted.

Ald. Doyle moved to reconsider. Carried—yeas 14; nays, 1 (the Mayor.)

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner make an assessment for a cross walk six feet wide across John R. street on the east side of Farrar street. Adopted.

By Ald. Ingersoll,
Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to contract with the publishers of the *Volksblatt* for the city printing of the proceedings of this Council at the same rates that were paid to the *Michigan Democrat* for 1854. Adopted,

By Ald. Martin,
Whereas, Many of our citizens are desirous, as well for the protection of themselves at home as for the reputation of our city abroad, that a police force be organized for that purpose;

And Whereas, The late amendments to the city charter confers the power upon the Common Council to organize such force;

And Whereas, It is proper, before any steps are taken to that end, that the wishes and views of our citizens be heard with a view to proper action; therefore,

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to call a meeting of the freemen of the city on such afternoon as he shall select, at the City Hall, to discuss the matter, and that such persons as may possess experience and information with reference to Police matters be invited to address the same, and give such practical information as they may possess. Adopted, Adjourned. R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LICENSE OF PORTERS OR RUNNERS.—Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the city of Detroit, in Common Council convened.

SECTION 1. The Common Council may license any trustworthy person, of the age of twenty years, as a public Porter or Runner for hotels or public houses in the city of Detroit, upon such persons applying for such license, and complying with the provisions of this ordinance, in giving proper security, and paying one dollar for such license to the City Treasury, which sum shall be paid during each and every year while such Porter or Runner shall continue to act as such.

SECTION 2. Such license shall state the name of the Porter, and number of license of such Porter or Runner, and the particular hotel or public house for which he shall act, and no person shall assume to act as such Porter or Runner for any hotel or public house in said city, without being first duly licensed according to the provisions of this ordinance, under a fine of twenty-five dollars and costs of prosecution for every such offence.

SECTION 3.—Every person to whom such license shall be granted, shall first execute to the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Freemen of the city of Detroit, a bond, with one or more sufficient sureties, to be approved by the City Auditor, in the penalty of five hundred dollars, conditioned that he will conduct himself in a decent and orderly manner while acting as such Porter or Runner, and in all respects comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Any Porter or Runner, who shall at any time or place, when engaged in his employment, make any unusual noise or disturbance, or make use of profane, obscene, or boisterous language, or use any language, or be guilty of any act calculated to disturb the public peace or good order of the city, or harass, vex, or disturb strangers or citizens, shall be subject for each offence to a fine of not less than ten dollars, and not exceeding one hundred dollars and costs of prosecution.

SECTION 5. No Porter or Runner, licensed as aforesaid, shall, at the arrival of any steamboat or railroad cars in said city, nor for the period of thirty minutes thereafter, go upon, or approach within fifty feet of the wharf or depot, where such steamboat or railroad cars have, or are about to stop running, or are being made fast, and any Porter or Runner who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars and costs of prosecution.

SECTION 6.—Every Porter or Runner licensed as aforesaid, shall wear a badge on the front of his hat, or a plate in front of his breast, where it may be plainly seen, with the word "Porter," and the "number of his license plainly painted or engraved thereon." Any Porter or Runner who shall in any case fail to wear such badge, or who shall permit, or suffer any other person than himself to carry any article entrusted to him, or to wear his badge, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, shall be subject to a fine not less than twenty dollars, and not exceeding one hundred dollars, and costs of prosecution.

SECTION 7.—On conviction of any Porter or Runner, licensed as aforesaid, before the Mayor's Court, of any violation of the provisions of this ordinance, the Mayor or Recorder shall, in his discretion, be authorized in addition to the fine hereinbefore provided, to vacate and annul any license that may then be held by such Porter or Runner.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect, and be in force, from and after thirty days from its passage. Ordained and dated at Detroit, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1855.

OLIVER M. HYDE, Mayor.
 Attest—RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk. marls-dst

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, March 27, 1855.

The Council was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, Henry Ledyard.

Present—The Recorder, and Ald. Craig, Doyle, Dudgeon, Duncan, Ingersoll, King, Leroy, Marsh, Martin, Mayhew, Reaume, Sheley, Thompson and Wilcox.

Proceedings of last session were corrected.

PETITIONS.

Of Eli Laderoot, City Marshal, for extension of time to collect balance due on assessment rolls for paving. Referred to City Auditor, with power.

Of O. Bellair and others, for extension of Rivard street sewer from Jefferson Avenue to Catherine street. Referred to Special Committee on Sewers.

Of C. J. Beardalee and B. S. Farnsworth, for repeal or essential modification of ordinance relative to licensing hotel porters. Referred to the Mayor, Recorder and City Attorney.

Of E. M. Cobb and others, remonstrating against passage of any ordinance prohibiting sale of meats at other places than the City Hall Market. Referred to Committee on Markets.

Of F. Deneke, relative to City Hearse. Referred to City Auditor and Committee on Ways and Means, with power.

Of H. P. Bridge and others, for a sewer on Beaubien street. Referred to the Special Committee on Sewers.

Of O. Newberry and others, that the sewer ordered on Shelby street be constructed forthwith. Referred to Special Committee on Sewers.

Of Robert Brown and others, butchers in the City Hall Market, for the passage of an ordinance regulating the sale of meat, prohibiting meat shops within four or more blocks of the City Hall Market; and asking that the Clerk of the Market be instructed to assign places for market wagons, giving preference to the country wagons, and that alterations and improvements be made in the market building.—Laid on the table for one week.

Of James Cole and others, for a fire engine in the Eighth Ward, north of Michigan Avenue. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of Patrick Murrin, to dig up street at the corner of Front and Second streets, to repair hydrant. Referred to Street Commissioner, with power.

Of G. Raper, for trustees and consistory of First German Reformed Church, for reduction of taxes upon church and lot. Referred to Special Committee on Taxes.

Of Theo. H. Eaton and others, for sewer in Franklin street, between Riopelle and Rivard streets. Referred to Special Committee on Sewers.

Of Thos. Hurst and others, for sidewalk on north side of Front street, between Second and Third streets. Granted.

Of John Smith and others, relative to sidewalk on Randolph street, adjoining St. Charles Hotel, and in front of livery stable on Larned street, between Randolph and Brush streets. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of F. Ruehle and others, for side walk on south side of Fort street, from Riopelle to Dequindre street, with necessary cross walks. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of G. H. Shearer, to connect with Beaubien street sewer from lot No 26, Lambert Beaubien farm. Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of Eunice Dygert and others, remonstrating

against paving of State street. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of P. O'Halloran and others, for a sewer, to commence on Fifth street, between Plumb and Cherry streets, and thence along Plumb street to connect with the Sixth street sewer. Referred to Special Committee on Sewers.

Of Cornelius Bressnahan, for permission to erect a frame house on Howard street adjoining city limits. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of Oliver Newberry and others, for sewer in Shelby street. Referred to Special Committee on Sewers.

Of Patrick Gallagher and others, for side and cross walks, from west line of Mrs. Jones' farm, on the north side of Grand River street, to west line of city. Referred to Street Commissioner.

Of Thomas Armstrong, to enter sewer on Miami avenue from lot 10, section 7. Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of Benjamin Singleter, to be appointed City Scavenger. Referred to Committee on Streets.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts audited by him:

P. J. Price, 2 tons coal, \$15.50; Henry McCall, burying 50 dead dogs and cats, \$6.25; J. B. Wilson brass fixtures for engines, \$61.00; D. E. Rice, repairs for fire engines \$11.56; F. McDonald, repairs in City Hall Market, \$12.25; Wm. Knowles, repairing bridges, culverts and walks, \$10.33; do, putting in drain and pool \$7.55; do, repairing fence on Rivard street, \$13.61; Detroit Free Press paper, printing, ruling and binding 16 assessment books, \$139.75; John King, expended in repairing Rivard street and cleaning grates, \$58.00.

RECAPITULATION.

Contingent Fund	-	-	-	\$193 75
Fire Department Fund	-	-	-	72 56
General Sewer Fund	-	-	-	7 55
Rivard Street Fund	-	-	-	63 00
Road District No. 1 Fund	-	-	-	7 33
Road District No. 5 Fund	-	-	-	1 75
Road District No. 8 Fund	-	-	-	1 25
General Road Fund	-	-	-	6 50

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means with power.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred sundry petitions for side and cross walks, asks leave to report in favor of ordering the following side walks, *i. e.*, on the east side of Second street, from Michigan Avenue to Lewis street; on the north side of Winder street, from Woodward Avenue to John R. street; on the north side of Sibley street, from Park street to Clifford street; on the east side of Fifth street, from Grand River street to Mercer street; and cross-walks across Madison Avenue, on the east side of John R. street, and across Russell street, on the south side of Clinton street.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

March 27th, 1855.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned respectfully asks leave to report that he deems the requirements of a resolution of the Hon. Common Council, dated January 2d, 1855, relative to Rivard street, has been complied with; and respectfully asks to be discharged from any further action relative to said resolution. JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

March 27th, 1855.

Accepted and adopted.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Theodore H. Eaton and others, for

the completion of sewer in the alley between Woodward avenue and Bates street, from the north line of Atwater street to the Detroit River, with instructions to report a plan of said sewer, would respectfully submit a plan and profile of the same, with the probable cost of construction. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. CAMPAU, City Surveyor.

Referred to special Committee on Sewers.

STREET COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
March 27th, 1855. }

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I am directed by a resolution of your Hon. body, adopted at your last session, to report what modifications I may deem necessary in the existing ordinances relative to cleaning paved streets and work to be done on streets the present season. In obedience to said resolution, I respectfully ask leave to report that the ordinance relative to the duties of Supervisors was passed several years ago, and fixed their wages at one dollar per day. Ordinary laborers at that time could be hired for six shillings—giving the Supervisors two shillings more than the men they employed. Wages of all kinds have raised since. I respectfully suggest that the compensation of the Supervisors be fixed proportionally, and that they be required to remain with the men they may employ the usual hours of labor; and that they furnish bills of their expenditures on the streets monthly.

I believe that the cleaning of paved streets ought to be done by the city, either by contract or by the day; and that if a road tax could be levied on all the property fronting on paved streets, to pay for their cleaning and keeping them in repair, it would be more equal. If such a road tax can't be levied, I think an assessment might be made on all such property, and collected as other special assessments. If neither of these propositions are deemed worthy of adoption, I believe the ordinance at present in force is as good as any that has been adopted heretofore. I respectfully recommend that, in letting the contract for paving, the furnishing and placing cast iron gutter covers be included. The ordinance relative to the repairs of side walks makes no provision for the payment of labor. Work of this kind must be done in many instances by the city. I ask that this matter may be considered with a view to make some provision by which labor, when done, can be promptly paid for. Relative to the removal of fences, there is no ordinance that I am aware of which points out definitely the proper course to be pursued to accomplish their removal. I respectfully recommend the adoption of some uniform plan for the construction of awning posts and the appendages thereto belonging; and that some uniform rule be adopted, stating when and in what manner they may be placed on the public streets. The above is all the recommendations relative to the subject referred to me on which I deem my action necessary. Respectfully, &c., JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Accepted and referred to Committee on Streets and City Attorney.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned respectfully represents that a nuisance exists at the foot of Hastings street, south of Atwater street, the abatement of which will cost about one hundred and fifty dollars. I ask leave to suggest that your honorable body would order said nuisance to be abated, and that the expense be charged to the general road fund. I also respectfully state that a nuisance exists on the lot north side of Franklin street, between Beaubien and Brush streets, which is

causing great damage to the pavement on said Franklin street. I respectfully ask the attention of your honorable body to these facts.

JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

Accepted.

On motion of Ald. Wilcox, the Street Commissioner was instructed to abate nuisance at foot of Hastings street, and the report laid on table.

From City Marshal, a list of lands of resident and non-resident owners, on certain streets, the paving assessments on which he had been unable to collect. Accepted and referred to Committee on Taxes.

From the same, assessment rolls collected.—Accepted.

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred two accounts of the Detroit Gas Light Company, amounting to \$21308, for setting up 17 lamp posts and furnishing pipe, cocks and tubing for same, and for repairing over said pipe, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have carefully examined said accounts, and the contract between the city and said gas company, and find that said company agreed upon certain conditions to furnish to the city 50 lamp posts free of charge, and to locate the same at such points along the line of their pipes as the Common Council should by resolution or otherwise designate. And that said gas company further agreed that within one year after the completion of their works, if the Council should so desire or request, they would furnish and put up, at such points along the line of their pipes as the Council should designate, fifty other lamp posts, which last 50 should be furnished at the same price for which the city could otherwise procure them. Both these agreements have been fulfilled on the part of the gas company, and the city long since paid for the extra 50 posts.

Subsequently the said gas company, upon the requisition of the Council erected some 130 lamp posts and were paid in full by the city for all expenses, attending the same.

Within the past six months the Council required the gas company to erect at various points designated by the appropriate committee, 25 additional lamp posts—17 of which have been so erected, and the gas company design to set up the remaining 8, as soon as the ground shall be thawed so as to admit of it. For the expenses incurred by the company in erecting the said 17 lamp posts, in compliance with the requisition of the Council, these accounts are presented by the company. Your committee have been informed by the City Auditor that the legal opinion of A. D. Fraser, Esq., in regard to these accounts had been obtained, and that gentleman had decided the city was not liable for so much of said accounts as embraced the expenses of excavation, repairing, &c. Your committee then sought an interview with Mr. Fraser, and had a full and free conversation with him on the subject. Mr. Fraser states that, when he gave the opinion referred to, he supposed the 17 posts embraced in the accounts in question were a portion of the 100 lamp posts originally contracted to be erected by the company; and if such is not the fact, and if the contract does not provide for the erection of any additional number of posts by the [company, then as a matter of course the question is one outside of the contract, and the city is liable to the company, as to an individual, for the expenses of setting up any additional posts, erected by the company in compliance with the orders of the Council.—Such is Mr. Fraser's revised opinion, and such is the opinion of your committee. The contract contains no clause requiring the com-

pany to erect any more than the one hundred lamp posts, except those in front of the engine-house—and your committee therefore recommend the allowance of the two accounts in question.

A. DUDGON,
W. C. DUNCAN.

Committee on Ways and Means.

Accepted and laid on table one week.

From Committee on Claims, adverse to claim of John B. Stadler and others for arresting Country Foster, one of the Ward burglars. Accepted.

From same committee, adverse to petition of City Surveyor for increase of salary, and in favor of allowing him sixty dollars for correcting field books, in full of all claims against the city. Accepted and adopted.

From Committee on Fire Department, in favor of granting prayer of petition of Geo. Norris. Accepted and adopted.

The Fire Department Committee beg leave to report in favor of allowing the claim of Fire Company No. 8, for keys for each member of said company, and in connection with this would report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city, after having furnished each Fire Company with the necessary number of keys for their respective engine houses, will not thereafter be at any further expense for additional keys.

Your committee would also recommend to the several companies that they hold each member of their respective companies responsible for the key delivered to him.

R. W. KING,

Chairman. Committee on Fire Department.

On motion of Ald. Doyle, it was accepted and laid on the table.

The Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the report of committee of the old board, beg leave to report:

That they concur in the recommendation of said report that all hose companies composed of boys be disbanded forthwith, for the reasons stated in said report. And that, instead of allowing each fire company the sum of six dollars per month for the purpose of cleaning and caring for their hose, they would recommend the appointing of two competent men, at a salary of not exceeding *twenty dollars* per month for the months of April to October, inclusive, and twenty-five dollars per month for the months of November to March, inclusive, whose duty it shall be, under the direction and supervision of the Chief Engineer, to wash, grease and otherwise care for the hose, to saw all the wood for the use of each company; also to build fires in the stoves belonging to the engine houses, when necessary.

Your Committee would further state that, at the period when the number of members which each company could elect was limited to forty, the Fire Engines were much smaller and lighter than those now in use, and that, in their opinion, for the promptly dragging the present engines and hose carts to fires, forty men are not adequate, and would therefore recommend, if it be competent to this Council so to do, to allow each Fire Company to increase their number of members to 50,—10 of whom shall be organized as a hose company under such rules and regulations as the respective companies may adopt.

R. W. KING, Chairman of Committee.

Accepted and laid on the table.

From Committee on Fire Department, recommending that the City Attorney be instructed to report an ordinance prohibiting the use, within

the city limits, of camphene and burning fluid for purposes of light. accepted and Adopted.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Doyle, that the resolution adopted at the last session of the Council, giving the printing of the Council proceedings to the *Michigan Volksblatt*, be reconsidered.

Carried as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Doyle, Dudgeon, Duncan, Martin, Mayhew, Reaume, Sheley, Thompson, Wilcox, and his Honor the Mayor—10.

Nays—Ald. Craig, Ingersoll, King, Leroy, and Marsh—5.

Ald. DOYLE then moved to strike out the word "*Volksblatt*" in the resolution, and insert "*Democrat*," and demanded the previous question upon the resolution as amended.

By consent, Aldermen Leroy, Sheeley, and Wilcox, addressed the Council upon the motion. The demand for the previous question was sustained as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Doyle, Dudgeon, Duncan, Martin, Mayhew, Reaume, Sheley, Thompson, Wilcox, and the Mayor—10.

Nays—Ald. Craig, Ingersoll, King, Leroy, and Marsh—5.

Ald. Doyle's motion was then adopted.

By Ald. Dudgeon,

Resolved, That the Special Committee, who recommended, at the last session of this Council, that immediate steps be taken to procure a suitable place for the deposit of certain nuisances then referred to, be instructed to report to the Council a suitable place for such purpose.—Adopted.

By Ald. Dudgeon,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to cause the fences on the west side of Beaubien street, between Woodbridge and Franklin, to be moved back to the line of said Beaubien street; and also, that he cause an assessment to be made for six feet plank sidewalks on the west side of Beaubien street, between Woodbridge and Franklin, and on the north side of Franklin street, between Brush and Beaubien streets: *provided* he think the same necessary and proper.

Ald. Marsh moved to amend by adding the whole city. Lost.

The resolution was then adopted.

By Ald. Dudgeon,

Resolved, That the City Marshal be and is hereby instructed to notify the owners and occupants of lots on the north side of Franklin street, between Brush and Beaubien streets, to abate forthwith the nuisances caused by stagnant water under and in the cellars of the houses on said lots; and that he prosecute in the Mayor's Court all who neglect to comply with said order for two weeks from this date. Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets, Recorder and City Attorney, be requested to examine and report to this Council at as early a period as practicable, whether Shelby street extends from Woodbridge street to the Detroit river, or any portion of said distance; also, whether Atwater street is opened to the public to its lowest extremity on the Jones property, (so called); also, that they be requested to employ competent counsel, if necessary, in obtaining the above information.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of S. French, for the amount due him for paving the alley in the rear of Rotunda building, and

charge to contingent fund. Referred to Committee on Claims.

By Ald. Doyle,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an assessment for the continuation of the Orleans street sewer from its present terminus in said street to High street, and that he report the same to this Council. Referred to Special Committee on Sewers.

By Ald. Doyle,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor make an assessment for the continuation of the Rivard street sewer, from its present terminus in said street to Catherine street, and that he report the same to this Council as soon as practicable. Referred to Special Committee on Sewers.

By Ald. King,

Resolved, That the City Auditor be instructed to issue a warrant for the payment of the bill for keys purchased for Engine House No. 8; and that hereafter the city will not, after having furnished each fire company with the necessary number of keys for their engine houses, be at any further expense for keys. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

By Ald. Martin,

Resolved, That the Committee on Gas Lights be and are hereby instructed to use their influence with the superintendent of the gas works to cause pipes to be laid and the gas conducted along Michigan avenue, to 7th street, forthwith. Lost.

By Ald. Martin,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioners be directed to insert a stench trap in each pool of main sewer on 6th street, forthwith. Adopted.

By Ald. Reaume,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioners construct cross walks on the north and south side of Franklin street, across Rivard street. Adopted.

By Ald. Mayhew,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to make an assessment for a cross walk on 6th street, south side of Beech street, and cause the same to be laid forthwith. Referred to Street Commissioner.

By Ald. Mayhew,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby instructed to cause the side walk in front of lot 14, block 56, Labross Farm, to be laid forthwith. Referred to Street Commissioner.

By Ald. King,

Resolved, That hereafter no petition for the removal of fences will be entertained by this Council, unless signed by a majority of those residing in the block where such fences are petitioned to be removed. Withdrawn.

By Ald. Thompson,

Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means be authorized to submit a resolution, as soon as it shall meet their convenience, to this Council, prescribing a salary for each city officer for the current year. Laid on the table for one week.

The Council adjourned for one week.

R. STARKEY, City Clerk.

AUCTION SALE!

OF CITY PROPERTY,

BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL AT PUBLIC auction, to the highest bidder, on Saturday, the 17th inst., at 12 o'clock, noon, on the premises, the shed on the corner of Griswold and Clifford streets, formerly used as the City Pound.

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ELI LADEROOT, City Marshal.

COMMON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, April 3, 1855.

The Council was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, Hon. Henry Ledyard.

Present, the Recorder, and Ald. Craig, Doyle, Dudgeon, Duncan, Finehart, Ingersoll, Leroy, Marsh, Martin, Mayhew, Reaume, Sheeley, and Wilcox.

PETITIONS.

Of Wm. A. Black and others, for removal of 5th ward school house from public park. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Richard Wallace and others, for removal of all lamp posts, shade trees, and telegraph poles in public streets. Laid on table one year.

Of Amos Otis and others, hay sellers, for protection from cattle and horses running at large. Referred to Marshal, with power.

Of James W. Abbott, to build a wooden wing to his dwelling on Woodward avenue near John R. street. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Of John Clark, to be appointed Supervisor of second ward, in place of Mr. Chaffee, who refuses to qualify. Referred to Aldermen of second ward.

Of Richard Ash, to be allowed use of part of Griswold street in front of lot 70. Granted under provisions of the ordinance.

Of Wm. Barclay, for permission to erect a wooden addition to his dwelling house, 14 by 15 feet, ceiling 8 feet high, on lot 63 sec. 7. Referred to Committee on Fire Department, with power.

Of S. B. Morse, O. F. Cargill and others, that the Council prevent burials in City Cemetery, and provide some other lot for interment of paupers. Referred to Committee on Health.

Of R. P. Toms and others, that all obstructions be removed from south side of Farmer street from Monroe avenue to Bates street, and for a sidewalk on same, eight feet wide; also for a cross walk across alley on Farmer street, and a side walk and cross walk eight feet wide on the east side of Bates street, between Michigan avenue and Farmer street, and a side walk and cross walks, eight feet wide, on the east side of Bates street, to Randolph street. Referred to Street Commissioner with power.

Of A. A. Fish and others, for a side walk six feet wide on east side of Brush street, from Adams avenue to south side of Harriet street.—Same reference.

Of N. S. Harvey and others, for construction of side walk on the south side of Walnut street, from Sixth to Seventh street, and cross walk on Seventh street.

Of John Farmer, for extension of time for laying walk on west side of Monroe avenue, until six days after the city had graded it. Referred to Commissioner on Streets.

Of W. A. Howard and others, asking that order to pave alley in rear of "City Block" may be rescinded. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of Frank Blum and others, that the floor in the front hall of City Hall Market be lowered even with floor of market in the rear, and that vegetable wagons may be allowed to stand by side of City Hall Market during market hours. Referred to Committee on Markets and Committee on Ways and Means.

Remonstrance of H. R. Andrews and others, against closing meat shops. Referred to Committee on Markets and Committee on Ways and Means.

Other remonstrances were presented on same subject and referred to same committees.

Of D. J. Campau and others, that the Council take some measures to prevent destruction of

shade trees on Jefferson avenue, caused by escape of gas from main pipe. Referred to Committee on Gas Lights.

Of Thos. Knight, for permission to enter Franklin street sewer from his premises between Riopelle and Orleans. Granted under supervision of City Surveyor.

Of E. M. Cobb, to enter sewer on Michigan avenue between Cass and First street. Same action.

Of Henry W. Fisher, to enter Clifford street sewer from lot 77, corner of Clifford and Elizabeth streets. Same action.

Of Mary Ann Cicotte and Thos. Coquillard, by J. J. Cicotte, their attorney, for permission to enter the Brush street sewer from their premises north side of Franklin street. Same action.

Of O. W. Whitney, to enter sewer from south west corner of Randolph and Woodbridgestreets.

Of S. A. Baker, for brick sewer on Fourth street from Michigan avenue, to connect with first and fifth ward sewers near Kendrick's foundry. Referred to Special Committee on Sewers.

Of L. O. Fuller and others, for sewer in Congress street, between Hastings and Rivard streets. Same reference.

Of A. Smith Bagg and others, for extension of Woodward avenue sewer from Adelaide street to Park lot 68. Same reference.

Of Wm. Bond and others, for extension of Brush street sewer to High street. Same reference.

Of Dennis Mullane and others, that paving of Second street be deferred until sewer is built. Same reference.

Of D. McKay and others, for sewer on Congress street, from Russell to Riopelle street.—Same reference.

Of A. Smith Bagg and others, for extension of Park street sewer to Charlotte street. Same reference.

Of Patrick Keavy and others, for sewer on Fifth street, from north side of Cherry street, to connect with Jones street sewer. Same reference.

Of Wm. Barclay and others, for brick sewer on Grand River street, from the west side of Farmer street, to grand sewer in Miami avenue. Same reference.

Of H. E. Patterson and others, that Jones street sewer be continued to east side of alley, between Third and Fourth street. Same reference.

Of O. C. Godfrey and others, for assessment for box drain, from the Cass line to Clifford street sewer, in the alley between Elizabeth street and Adams avenue. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of John Blindbury and others, for permission to repair drain on the corner of Michigan and Washington avenues, from cellar leading into sewer in Washington avenue, from lot 1, section 8, G. and J. plan. Granted.

Of Thomas Campau, City Surveyor, relative to compensation for correcting assessors' field books. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means and the Mayor.

The following communication was received:
DETROIT, April 3, 1855.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

The Board of Fire Wardens nominate John Weitzel to be a Fire Warden in the Third Ward, in place of S. Stevens, removed from the Ward, and respectfully ask his confirmation.

E. A. BRUSH, Chief Warden.
Nomination confirmed.

REPORTS.

From the City Auditor, the following accounts

audited by him:

Of D. Kendall, building bridges, gutters, &c., \$15 12; W. Rowe, ringing city time to March 22, \$25 00; W. Rowe, ringing fire alarm, \$2 00; W. Knowles, materials and repairs of roof on City Hall, and locks for seminary building, \$25 86; P. J. Price, coal, \$5 50; F. Deneke, interring 8 paupers, \$40 00; Detroit Gas Light Company, gas for street lamps, quarter ending March 31st, \$321 66; Detroit Gas Light Company, gas in City Hall and offices, \$19 95; Detroit *Free Press*, printing blanks, binding, &c., \$40 00; Detroit *Free Press*, publishing ordinances, reports, and official canvass, \$82 20; Detroit *Free Press*, printing blanks, Council proceedings, &c., \$58 71.—Referred to Committee on Ways and Means with power.

RECAPITULATION.

Contingent Fund - - - - -	\$1,071 00
Fire Department Fund - - - - -	9 98
Poor Fund - - - - -	40 00
Road District No. 3 - - - - -	3 84
Road District No. 6 - - - - -	7 44
Road District No. 8 - - - - -	3 84

From the City Auditor, accounts of *Daily Times*, *Inquirer* and *Democrat*, and *Tribune*, for publishing official canvass, and asking action of Council thereon.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

From the same, account of Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company for digging sewer from Franklin to Atwater street, opening and cleaning sewer and grates, for \$57.78.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

From the same, relative to claim of A. H. Stowell and J. F. Munroe, for preparing field books. On motion of Ald. Leroy, referred to Committee of the Whole.

From the same relative to proposals for paving. Referred to Committee on Streets and the Mayor, with power.

From the same, annual statement of the financial condition of the city.

On motion of Ald. Dudgeon, laid on table and ordered printed.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Alderman Craig, calling for information on the subject of opening Atwater and Shelby streets at their lowest terminations, report: That they are informed that, some time during the year 1852, Mrs. Jones was indicted for obstructing the above named streets, and that the case was brought on for trial, but, the jury disagreeing, nothing further has been done in the matter from that time to the present. If the Council desire that the matter shall be again tried, your Committee recommend that some steps be taken to secure that end.

HENRY A. MORROW, Recorder.
J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.
ANTHONY DUDGEON,
W. W. WILCOX,
EDWARD DOYLE,

Street Committee.

Accepted, and, on motion of Ald. Dudgeon, the Prosecuting Attorney was directed to prosecute.

The Recorder, from special committee, introduced an ordinance relative to porters, &c.

The ordinance was read the first time, the rules suspended, and the ordinance read the second time and passed.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The undersigned would most respectfully report to your Honorable body that he has examined into the question as to what title the city have to Bolivar Alley—a lane running from Jefferson Avenue to the Detroit River, on the Mul-

let Farm, so called, and begs leave to report that the farm through which said alley runs was granted to Lewis Moran, as assignee of Maurice Moran, in the year A. D. 1832 by the United States, and afterwards said farm was conveyed by said Lewis Moran to Lewis Moran, Jr.; who conveyed by deed on the first day of April, A. D. 1823, a part of said farm, to one John Biddle—which portion of said farm was bounded as running from the westerly line of said farm, along Jefferson Avenue to the lane now known as Bolivar Alley, thence along said alley down to Atwater street, thence south-west along Atwater street to the westerly line of said farm, and from that point to the place of beginning. By which conveyance Lewis Moran, Jr., covenanted with John Biddle to open and keep open a lane from the Detroit River to said land, for the use of John Biddle, his heirs and assigns. Subsequently said John Biddle purchased of Lewis Moran, Jr., on said farm, a piece of land commencing at a point thereon fifty feet from the Western line of the farm at the point of intersection of the Biddle claim at Atwater street, and thence north-east, so as to convey all that piece of land or land under water lying south of Atwater street, being about of the same width as the tract conveyed on the first of April, A. D. 1832, to said Biddle, to the channel of the Detroit River. Soon after this last conveyance was made to Mr. Biddle, John Mullett became the owner by purchase of the lot upon which the residence of Theo. H. Eaton now stands, whereby he became the owner in fee of the said alley, but subject to the interest and rights which John Biddle, his heirs and assigns, had in the same, by the aforesaid grant of April 1st, A. D. 1832. Charles Larned and Hannibal Wright subsequently purchased the fee of said alley, but subject to the rights of Mr. Biddle, his heirs and assigns, in the lane. There never has been a dedication on the part of the owners, of the fee of the soil of said alley, or any act on their part which would indicate an intention to dedicate the same as a public road for the use of the public, but the intention seems to have been otherwise, and even in the very last conveyance which relates to the alley, the fee of it is conveyed to Mr. Theo. Eaton, but subject to the rights which John Biddle and his assigns had acquired in it. As far as the undersigned has been able to ascertain, said alley was originally used as a lane on said farm, running back from the river north, or back to the woods, for the convenience of the then owner of the farm, previous to said conveyance to John Biddle and the right of way over the alley was only annexed to the grant to Mr. Biddle, to provide access and egress to the River from his land as purchased as aforesaid, for himself, his heirs and assigns. This alley has never been laid out as a public way by the authorities of the city, pursuant to law, and there is no evidence either of immemorial usage or of a dedication of the road or lane to public use. The undersigned would therefore report to your Honorable body that he is of opinion that said alley is a private way or alley, and the public have no interest in it, and would ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject matter, &c.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

Accepted, and referred to Committee on Streets.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the city of Detroit:

The undersigned would respectfully report that, pursuant to the direction of your Hon. body, he has examined into the claims of Wm. Bolio

and James V. Bruce against the city. Those claims are brought against the city by claimants, because the place at which the accident occurred, and the damage occurred to the claimants, by reason of the road being out of repair, is upon a certain portion of the Birmingham Plank Road which is situated within the city limits, and because, it is claimed, that planks of the road were taken up at several different points on the road, by the officers of the city, for the purpose of making public improvements, and that they have neglected ever since the taking up of the plank to place the road in as good condition as it was in when they took up the plank for the purposes of the city. *The Detroit and Birmingham Plank Road Company* was incorporated by an act of the Legislature, approved April 3d, 1848, whereby the said company were authorized to enter upon and take possession of so much of the Detroit and Saginaw Road—so called—as lies between the Grand Circus and the village of Birmingham, and to *construct and maintain* thereon a *Plank Road*. Said company were, however, incorporated subject to the provisions of an act entitled an act relative to plank roads, approved March 13, 1848, except so far as was otherwise provided in said act of incorporation. The act of March 13, 1848, above referred to, provides that every plank road made shall be laid out at least two, and not more than four, rods wide, and shall be so constructed as to have at least sixteen feet width of good, smooth and permanent road, eight feet of which, at least, shall be made of plank not less than three inches thick, &c., so as to permit carriages and other vehicles to pass conveniently thereon and off; and it further provides that the Board of Directors of any Plank Road Company shall at all times, after the erection of a toll gate, or gates, thereon, and the exaction of toll thereat, keep such road, or such portions of the road, in good repair; and, in case of any dilapidation of the superstructure, or other portion of the surface of such road, so as to endanger the safe passage of any team, animals or vehicles, it shall be the duty of said Board, without unnecessary delay, to make such repairs as shall restore the road to its proper condition. *By the act of incorporation*, the *Detroit and Birmingham Plank Road Company* were fully authorized to erect toll gates and establish rates of toll, and receive the same, and to establish such rules and regulations for the government of the road as were necessary and proper, but consistent with its charter. There can be no doubt but that it is the duty of the Plank Road Company, under their charter, to keep the road in a proper state of repairs; and, in case they do not keep the road in good, passable and traveling condition, they are liable to any person in the amount of damage which is sustained by him on such account, &c. *The Plank Road Company* is bound to keep the road in a safe and proper condition, so as not to endanger the lives or property of persons passing over the same. The *Detroit and Birmingham Plank Road Company*, by virtue of their charter, are legally in possession of so much of the *Detroit and Saginaw Road* as lies between the *Grand Circus* in the city of *Detroit* and the village of *Birmingham*; but, for the purpose of a plank road, the language of the charter is very broad and explicit; it gives the company the entire control and direction of the road, and, in consequence thereof, the Legislature have placed the burthen of maintaining and keeping the road in a proper state of repairs upon the company, and also makes the company amenable to persons sustaining damages on account of neglect to main-

tain it in proper condition. The charter of this company does not convey to it the fee of the road (or the road itself) over which the plank road passes, nor any right thereto, except a right of way over the route for a limited time, subject to conditions and limitations with certain franchises for the purpose of maintaining a plank road thereon. There is nothing in the charter of said company that places the road without the corporation of the city of Detroit, but it apparently relieves this corporation from discharging certain police regulations and duties over the same, which it would otherwise be obligatory upon the city government to perform. The company are authorized to enter upon, and take possession of, the road for the purpose of a plank road. As such company a right of way is conveyed to them over the road, with the entire control and direction of the same. But, by the grant of this right of way or easement over the road, the company has acquired no such right as would debar the city from going upon said road and laying sewers, &c., through it for public purposes, nor from taking up such portion of the road as might be necessary to make public improvements, provided the city restored the same to as good condition as when it was taken up by the officers or servants of the city. The *Detroit and Birmingham Plank Road Company* is a corporation within the city, and as such is capable of suing and being sued, and is in no respect dependent upon the corporation of the city of Detroit. And in case it sustains damages on account of the officers or servants of the city making public improvements through the road for the city, the city of Detroit will be liable to the company in the sum of the damages sustained, and in case the officers or servants of the city take up any part of the road for such purposes as the city Council directs, it is their duty to restore it to as good condition as when it was taken up, without unnecessary delay and whatever damage may be sustained by the company on account of their neglect or want of diligence, the city must ultimately pay to the company. But the city is not liable to the company for the acts of persons other than the officers or agents of this corporation. Now the two claims in question referred to the undersigned are claimed to have been occasioned by reason of neglect on the part of the officers and servants of this corporation to restore the road to as good condition as it was before certain improvements were made on the same by such persons on the part of this corporation, and if such is the case there can be no doubt but that the city will be ultimately liable to pay the company the damage sustained by those claimants, though the city is not directly liable to them in this instance. The rule of law is well settled that the liability to make compensation for an injury done, arising on the part of officers or servants of a corporation, attaches to the city. The liability of any one other than the party guilty of doing a wrongful act proceeds on the maxim that he who does an act through another is in law considered as doing the act himself. And in the cases in question, if it is true that the injury to the claimants resulted from neglect on the part of city officers and servants to place the plank road in as proper a state of repairs as it was in when the same was taken up by them, then the city is legally liable to the plank road company in the amount of the damage sustained by the claimants, provided it should appear that the company actually sustained the damage by reason of the neglect and injury in question. This corporation has the selection of its officers or servants, and it is not

ing more than reasonable, in case the city make choice of an unskillful or careless person to execute its orders, that the corporation of the city of Detroit should be responsible for an injury resulting from want of skill or want of care in such persons. The undersigned would therefore recommend that the whole matter of the petitions of these claimants be referred to the Committee on Claims to ascertain the amount of damages sustained by the claimants, &c.

J. KNOX GAVIN, City Attorney.

Accepted and referred to Committee on Claims.

From the Committee on Streets, an ordinance relative to awnings, awning posts, &c. Read the first time, laid on the table and ordered printed.

From the late Mayor, that he believed the account of Daniel Freeley, John McNamara and Wm. Galway as watch one night during State Fair should be paid. On motion of Ald. Dudgeon, Auditor instructed to draw his warrant for amount.

The City Attorney asked further time to report upon claim of John Clancy, and that the Committee on Claims be added to the former committee on Clancy's claim. Adopted.

From the Committee on Taxes, recommending that return of Marshal of unpaid assessment rolls for paving be referred to Auditor. Adopted.

From Committee on Fire Department, in favor of allowing petition of Wm. Barclay to erect small addition to his dwelling house. Adopted.

The Committee on Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the First German Reformed Church, asking the Council to reduce the assessment made on their church property, report that they find the property assessed at \$2,750 and in the opinion of your committee the assessment is about \$2,000 too much, but at present there is no law or ordinance that will authorize the Common Council to interfere in such cases with the assessment rolls for 1854.

The Council will have full power in future to correct and adjust any errors which they may discover in the assessment rolls.

A. SHELEY,
ROBT. REAUME.

Accepted.
From Committee on Streets, in favor of appointing Benjamin Singleton City Scavenger.—Adopted.

From Committee on Pounds, that the city is owner of lot 26, Gouin farm corner of Russell and Cemetery streets, and recommending that it be used for a city pound. Accepted and adopted.

From Committee on Claims that \$120 less amount due to city by W. H. Basse be paid to him in full for fees in Mayors court. Adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of Ald. Dudgeon, the report of Committee of Ways and Means relative to accounts of Detroit Gas Light Company was taken from the table.

The following was then offered as a supplementary report:

The Committee of Ways and Means, who reported at the last session of this Council, in favor of allowing the two accounts of the Detroit Gas Light Company, amounting to \$21308 for setting up 17 lamp posts and furnishing pipe, cocks and tubing for same, and for repaving over said pipe, have since further investigated said accounts, and have obtained the written opinion of A. D. Fraser, Esq., regarding the city's liability in the premises—which opinion is herewith reported to the Council. Mr. Fraser thinks the city liable. Your committee think

so also, and again recommend the allowance of the accounts.

Your committee have also spent much time in investigating the settlement between the city and the Gas Company, with reference to the 100 lamp posts contracted to be erected by the company. The first 50 posts were furnished and put up by the company free of any charge whatever to the city. The second 50 were furnished and put up by the company, and the city paid for the same at cost, as appears by the Auditor's report to the Council, April 13, 1852. The bill of the last 50 amounted to \$1,172 00, which sum embraced all actual disbursements and expenses incident to their erection. Mr. Fraser thinks the Gas Company were not legally entitled to charge for setting up these posts, and if such is the fact the city would have a reclamation on the company amounting to about \$150 00. Your committee would therefore recommend that the Auditor be instructed to withhold his warrant from the company for the amount of the two accounts now before the Council until this reclamation be satisfactorily adjusted.

A. DUNGEON,
W. C. DUNCAN,
Com. on Ways and Means.

MR. FRASER'S OPINION.

In reference to the claim of the Gas Company against the city of Detroit, I heretofore gave an opinion that the city was not liable for it. That opinion, however, was based upon the assumption, as the terms of the opinion will show, that the claim was *within the terms of the contract, and founded upon it*; and that it regarded a portion of the last 50 lamp posts, &c., specially provided for in the contract. I now, however, understand that the claim had no reference whatever to these. The only question, then, is whether there is any stipulation in the contract that controls this matter; and upon a perusal of the instrument with great care, I find none. The claim is therefore outside of the contract, and cannot be based upon it, and stands upon general principles irrespective of it.

A. D. FRASER.

DETROIT, April 2, 1855.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Ald. Leroy called up resolution relative to salaries of officers, and it was referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion, all petitions relative to markets on the table were referred to Committees on Ways and Means and Markets.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Ald. Dudgeon,

Resolved, That Alderman Leroy be and is hereby appointed a committee to confer with the Detroit Gaslight Company in relation to the reclamation by the city of the amount supposed to have been erroneously charged by said Company for erecting 50 lamp-posts in 1851—and report the result to this Council. Adopted.

By the Recorder,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of removing the lower hay scales from their present position on Michigan Avenue, and also that they report to the Council a proper location for the same. Referred to the Recorder, Ald. Leroy and Craig.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be instructed to make an estimate for extending John R. street sewer from Adams Avenue to Columbia street. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to enforce the ordi-

nance relative to cleaning paved streets and alleys: Adopted.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the Committee on Sewers be requested to cause the sewer in the alley between Woodward Avenue and Bates street, connecting with the sewer at north side of Atwater street, through said alley and Bates street to the river, without unnecessary delay.

Referred to Special Committee on Sewers.

By Ald. Craig,

Resolved, That the Marshal be instructed to cause all obstructions in Griswold street, between Atwater street and the Detroit river, to be removed without delay, under the direction of the City Attorney. Adopted.

By Ald. Duncan,

Resolved, That the Marshal be instructed to abate a nuisance forthwith on the west side of Shelby street, between Larned street and Jefferson Avenue, caused by the opening of drain from the Waverly House. Adopted.

By Ald. Sheley,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed, under the instruction of the Committee on Streets, to grade and repair State street from Woodward Avenue to Farmer street, and expenses paid out of road fund of the Ward.—Adopted.

By Ald. Sheley,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to place two inlets with grates at the foot of Hastings and the south side of Atwater street. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be, and is hereby, directed to survey and lay out the grounds of Centre Park, agreeable to the plan of the City drawn by J. O. Jordan, for improving said park, under the direction of the Committee on Parks. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the assessors of the several districts in the city of Detroit be and hereby directed to select from their assessment rolls of the present year the names and numbers of such persons for jurors as the law prescribes, and make due returns thereof. Adopted.

By Ald. Leroy,

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be and is hereby directed to ascertain, if possible, what has been done with the old engines, Nos. 8 and 7—where left, the condition they are now in, and report to the Council at its next meeting. Adopted.

By Ald. Martin,

Resolved, That all the petitions presented to the Council in relation to the construction of sewers, be, and are hereby, referred to the Special Committees on Sewers. Adopted.

By Ald. Martin,

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to cause all side and cross walks ordered to be laid in the 8th Ward, and for which assessments are made, to be laid forthwith. Referred to Street Commissioner.

By Ald. Ingersoll,

Resolved, That Mr. F. Odell be, and is hereby, appointed Pound Master for one year. Referred to Committee on Pound.

By Ald. Ingersoll,

Resolved, That Henry C. Moors be, and is hereby, appointed Superintendent of Sewers for the ensuing year, at a salary of three dollars per day. Referred to Committee on Sewers.

By Ald. Ingersoll,

Whereas, It is deemed inexpedient to print the proceedings of this Council in any other than

the English language, or in more papers than one, at the expense of the City Treasury; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the resolution passed at our last session, authorizing the Auditor to contract with the *Michigan Democrat*, to print the proceedings of this Council, at the same rate of pay as paid for printing the proceedings of this Council in the German language last year, be rescinded.

The yeas and nays were demanded. Ald. Finehart, during the call, asked to be excused from voting. Refused.

The resolution was lost as follows:

YEAS—Ald. Craig, Finehart, Ingersoll, Leroy, Marsh, Sheley, and Wilcox—7.

NAYES—Ald. Doyle, Dudgeon, Duncan, Martin, Mayhew, Reaume, and the Mayor—7.

Ald. Ingersoll moved to reconsider the resolution of Ald. Martin, passed at the last meeting of the Council, instructing Street Commissioner to insert stench trap in each pool in sewer in Sixth street, and to amend the same so as to read "where the Commissioner deems the same necessary."

Ald. Wilcox moved to refer to Committee on Sewers. Carried.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the City Attorney be instructed to report, at the next meeting of the Council, an ordinance to amend an ordinance passed Feb. 19, 1850, in regard to Supervisors. Adopted.

By Ald. Wilcox,

Resolved, That the Committee on Pound be instructed to cause the lot that is to be used for City Pound to be fenced, and put in proper order for that purpose. Adopted.

By Ald. Duncan,

Resolved, That a plank walk eight feet wide be laid on the east side of Cass street, from Larned street to the alley in rear of the Garrison House, so called. Referred to Street Commissioner.

By the Mayor,

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire Department and City Attorney report, at the next meeting, such amendments to the ordinance prohibiting engines from running on the side walks as in their judgment will render said ordinance more effective. Adopted.

The Recorder then swore in the Aldermen present as members of the Land Board.

The Council then adjourned and organized as a Land Board.

The Recorder took the Chair, and the following resolution of Ald. Leroy was adopted:

Resolved, by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the city of Detroit, sitting and acting under, by virtue of, and pursuant to, the provisions of an act of Congress, approved August 29th, 1842, entitled an act supplementary to an act to provide for the adjustment of titles to lands in the town of Detroit and Territory of Michigan, and other purposes, passed April 21st, 1806, as follows, viz: That the following public spaces or parks, viz: East and West Grand Circus Parks, Centre Park, Middle Park, where the old capital now is, East Park, West Park, and North Park, have heretofore ever been considered and regarded as public parks, and, in fact, have been so—and hereby are again dedicated as, and declared to be, public parks by the above respective names, and as such shall be known and remain for the health and comfort of the public and the beauty of the city—and as such may be inclosed for protection, and adorned and improved, from time to time, as the Common Council of said

city may direct—but shall not be diverted from this character as public parks, or used for any other purpose.

The Board adjourned, and the Council was called to order by his Hon. the Mayor.

All the Aldermen were found present except Ald. King, Lansing and Thompson.

The action of the Land Board was confirmed.

The Mayor announced, as the Committee on Parks, Ald. Leroy, Sheley, and Thompson.

The Council adjourned.

RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF DETROIT.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit:

In presenting the annexed annual report, I beg leave respectfully to submit for your consideration, in connection therewith, the following remarks:

By reference to "Exhibit A" of the report, it will be seen that we have paid during the year, through the Sinking Fund, on account of the funded debt of the city, eleven thousand two hundred and seventy-nine dollars and forty-one cents, being all of the indebtedness that fell due during the year, excepting bond No. 107, issued Sept. 24, 1844, and due 1st of May last, for \$395.70, which has not been presented for payment. The bonds maturing the present year, as will be seen by reference to "Exhibit B," amount to the sum of \$3,078.26, and making with bond No. 107, the amount, exclusive of the interest on our debt, we shall have to meet the present year, \$3,473.96.

The amount of our bonds becoming due in 1856 will be found also in "Exhibit B," to wit: \$50,530.25. To meet this amount we shall have to negotiate a new loan by the issuing of new bonds, under the Act of 1851, for such portion as we shall be unable to meet through the Sinking Fund. The continued preservation of our credit will probably require some action at your hands during the present season, in order that we may be prepared in time to meet this indebtedness. By reference to "Exhibit BB," of the Sinking Fund, it will be seen that there is a deficit in that Fund of \$2,838.99.

By the 1st section of the Act approved March 21st, 1851, we are authorized to levy and collect, in addition to the amount required to pay the annual interest on the funded debt of the city, \$5,000.00. Sec. 2d provides that "the annual tax" of \$5,000.00, or any portion thereof, levied and "collected as aforesaid, shall, together with all sums that can be saved from the general tax and from all other sources of revenue of said city, constitute a Sinking Fund, which shall, under the direction of the Common Council, be applied exclusively to the payment of the funded debt of said city." In connection with this provision I now beg leave to call your attention to the following unexpended balances standing to the credit of the different accounts named—and which amounts have been "saved from the general tax," to wit:

Repairs of 8th Ward Sewer Fund,	\$448.82
Brush street, " "	231.98
Grand Sewer Outlet, " "	404.08
Jones Street Sewer, " "	333.09
Gratiot, " "	73.39
Beaubien, " "	152.60
Woodward Avenue Sewer, " "	176.33

Amounting in all to the sum of \$1,820.29. These works have all been completed, and these balances are over and above the estimated cost

of the same when they were projected; and as the General Sewer Fund will be capable of meeting any expenditures for repairs that may be required hereafter, I therefore respectfully ask that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to transfer these several balances to the credit of the Sinking Fund. This amount, with what we shall receive on account of our land contracts coming due in April and May, will be sufficient to make up the present deficit in that Fund.*

It will be seen, by reference to the exhibits given of the Road District Funds, that there is also a deficit in three of them, viz.: Road District No. 3 has a deficit of \$259.79; Road District No. 4, \$68.10; and Road District No. 7, \$201.01, amounting in all to the sum of \$528.90. This result was produced by reason of the existence of the cholera last season, which made it necessary for the health of the citizens that everything tending to prevent the continuance of the scourge among us should be done. These districts will not be able to meet these deficits the coming season, and keep the streets and alleys in proper condition. The rate of assessment for highway taxes last year was fixed at ten cents on the hundred dollars; and if it should be the same this year, it will not give the Road Districts (excepting, perhaps, the 1st and 2d districts) more than will be required to be expended during the present season. The difficulty of providing sufficient means to all the Wards for road purposes is, that the rate fixed must be uniform all over the city, the Wards having the highest assessment getting more, and those having the lowest less, than they require. In view, therefore, of this difficulty, I would respectfully suggest that a sufficient amount to cover these deficits be added to the estimates which are soon to be made, to defray the expenses of the General Road Fund for the present year, so that when the amount shall have been collected, the same may be placed to the credit of the Road District for whose benefit the same was intended, and so that they can have the full benefit of their respective quota of tax of the present year. Hereafter no Road District ought to be permitted to expend more than the amount of tax raised, except special application to the Common Council for that purpose be first made.

The expenditures of the City Poor Fund are largely beyond the estimated expense for the year. Disease and death, during the past summer, have caused a very large expenditure, and this has been followed by the poverty and distress consequent upon the severity of the past winter. A large portion of the expenditures for this department during the winter have been for fuel. I respectfully suggest whether it would not be good economy to authorize the Director of the Poor to contract, during the summer months, for whatever quantity may be requisite for the poor during the winter.

The expenditures chargeable to the Contingent Fund have also exceeded the estimates made for the current year. Causes beyond our control have, to some extent, operated to produce this result. Among the items of expenditure not carried into the estimates for the year are the following: \$665.22 was paid to J. S. &

* After penning the foregoing remarks relative to the Sinking Fund, my attention was called to a fact in connection therewith, by his Hon. the Mayor, and which had until then escaped my attention, that the Sinking Fund should have a credit for all interest due at the close of the fiscal year upon the bonds purchased and held by the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, under the provisions of a city ordinance, ordained March 23, 1853. The amount of interest due on these bonds to 1st April is 1,377.76, and will now be credited to the Sinking Fund.

H. H. Wright, for damages to their goods by the overflow of their cellar in consequence of having permitted the city to connect a surface water drain with the sewer—\$150.00 paid Dennis Lannigan for Stench Trap—A. D. Frazer, \$170.00 for professional services—Burt & Bailey, for a leveling instrument, \$130.00—extra services to City Treasurer, \$100.00—A. Jordan, for plan of Public Buildings, \$100.00—William A. Cook, for services as Recorder, \$300.00—expenses of committee at Lansing to procure amendment to City Charter, \$143.00; which, together with other sums that might be added, would make the total amount nearly \$2,000.00. Add to this the Delinquent Tax returned and not yet made available, amounting to over \$2,000.00, and which was not taken into account in the estimates, it is not surprising that there should be a deficit in this Fund. The amount intended to be raised by the estimates was \$17,800.00, but all that could be apportioned to it from the Tax of 1854 was \$17,358.66, including the Delinquent Tax, amounting to \$2,084.72, making a deficit in the expected receipts of that Fund of \$2,526.06.

The City Treasurer has satisfactorily shown to me that the amount reported as being in his hands at the close of the fiscal year was actually on hand.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES PELTIER, City Auditor.

Detroit, March 31st, 1855.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the City Auditor relative to the Finances of the City of Detroit, for the Fiscal Year ending March 13th, 1855.

The whole amount of Receipts into the Treasury from all sources during the year, including balance on hand, and reported March 14th, 1854, is two hundred and ten thousand, four hundred and twenty-one dollars and thirty-five cents, and the expenditures during the same period are one hundred and eighty-seven thousand six hundred and seventeen dollars and sixty-seven cents; leaving a balance in the Treasury of twenty-two thousand, eight hundred and three dollars and sixty-eight cents. A detailed statement of both receipts and expenditures will be found in the different Fund Accounts below.

EXHIBIT A.

The Liabilities of the City as reported March 14th, 1854, were as follows:

Bonds aside from those held by the Trustees of the Sinking Fund,	\$323,366 15
Warrants issued previous to May 15th, 1850,	1,136 46
Unpaid claims allowed previous to March 15th, 1854,	1,709 22
	\$331,311 83
Amount of Bonds paid during the year and charged to Sinking Fund,	\$11,279 41
Amount paid of claims reported as unpaid,	1,013 21
	12,297 62
	\$319,014 21
To which add the unpaid claims allowed previous to March 14th, 1854,	\$ 118 25
Unpaid claims allowed during the year ending at this date,	3,987 14
	4,105 39
Total,	\$323,119 60
Deduct Bonds and Mortgages and Land Contracts held by Trustees of Sinking Fund, amounting to	8,687 80
Amount unprovided for	\$314,432 10

EXHIBIT B.

Bond No. 107, issued September 24th, 1844, and due May 1st, 1854, and coupons for interest due, have not been presented for payment, amount,

	\$ 396 70
Bonds maturing the present year,	3,078 26
	\$3,473 96
Bonds maturing in 1856,	50,550 25

EXHIBIT C. Statement of the different Fund Accounts. Contingent Fund. Dr.

Amount expended for salaries of officers, assistants and laborers,	\$7,761 53
Amount expended for Special Police and officers	1,513 79
" " " Rewards for apprehension of offenders,	500 00
" " " Printing and Advertising,	1,427 41
" " " Expenses of Elections,	303 62
" " " Assessment of Taxes of 1854	604 00
" " " Copying Assessors' Rolls	128 00
" " " Making out Tax Rolls	200 00
" " " Repairs and expenditures of City Hall Market and Offices,	696 86
Amount expended for Insurance City Hall and Seminary property,	91 00
Amount expended for killing and burying dead animals,	302 04
Amount expended for blank books and stationery for City Officers, Mayor's Court and Common Council,	325 98
Amount expended for Gas for Street Lamps,	4,157 57
" " " City Hall,	46 54
" " " Refunding Taxes erroneously assessed,	12 36
" " " Jail fees and board of prisoners,	233 11
" " " Vaccinating children in Schools and expenditures by Board of Health,	186 75
Amount expended for repairs to Cemeteries,	16 70
" " " City Pound, lumber, nails and labor,	115 93
" " " Hay scales and repairs,	234 58
" " " Repairing hearse,	79 75
" " " Lumber and signs for parks	3 12
" " " Labor on streets connected with city property,	10 25
" " " in taking up and relaying city drain, corner of Michigan and Monroe avenues	46 00
Amount paid J. S. & H. H. Wright for damages to goods by overflow of city drain,	665 22
Amount paid Dennis Lannigan for use of Stench Trap for public sewers,	150 00
Amount expended for fees to County Register,	6 87
Amount paid A. D. Frazer, professional services in 1852,	45 00
Amount paid A. D. Frazer, for professional services connected with the amendment to City Charter and Seminary property,	125 00
Amount paid John McCurdy for sprinkling streets around City Hall and Campus Martius,	97 50
Amount paid Burt & Bailey for Leveling Instrument for office of City Surveyor,	130 00
Amount paid J. F. Monroe and T. Los. Campan for services with commission on grades,	40 00
Amount paid L. T. McQuivy, damages to buggy caused by iron gutter plates being improperly laid,	30 00
Amount paid John Campbell, extra services as City Treasurer,	100 00
Amount paid Daniel Donnivan for sidewalks taken up by direction of Street Commissioner,	15 50
Amount paid James Cannan, refunding fine,	38 00
Amount paid Doct. Brodie for amputating Campaign's limb,	25 00
Amount paid David Breshean and 27 others, for cleaning snow from side and cross walks adjacent to city property,	90 00
Amount paid Albert Jordan for plan of Public Buildings,	100 00
Amount paid Sears Stevens making out official canvases,	13 00
Amount paid Wm. A. Cook, services as Recorder and fees in Mayor's court,	300 00
Amount paid Express charges on model of fire bell,	1 25
Amount paid old corporation due bills,	3 56
Expenses of Committee at Lansing to procure amendments to City Charter and negotiate in regard to Seminary property,	143 20
Amount paid hire of Omnibus for Council for funeral of Gen. Williams,	4 00
Amount of delinquent taxes of 1854 returned,	2,084 72
Total,	\$33,411 01
Receipts. Cr.	
By balance reported March 14, 1854,	\$114 07
" " " Rent of hay scales,	258 00
" " " Vegetable market,	436 50
" " " Hucksters	265 50
" " " City Hall for Exhibitions,	25 00
" " " Washington market,	150 00
" " " Stalls in City Hall do,	1,605 41
" " " Room in Seminary building,	12 50
" " " Licenses for Exhibition in City Hall and streets,	125 00
" " " Cabs and carriages,	92 75
" " " Selling meats,	160 00
" " " to Circus,	702 00
" " " Draymen,	52 00
" " " Sale of grass in Cemetery, (Deneke)	51 00
" " " Shed used as city pound,	17 25
" " " Lots in Cemetery,	30 00

" " Coal to church held in City Hall,	6 00
" Theatre licenses,	110 00
" Delinquent taxes of 1852 collected,	35 90
" " " 1853 "	553 93
" " " 1854 "	80 79
" Taxes Assessed for 1854	17,558 65
" Sale of Charter and City Ordinances,	1 00
" Tax leases,	3 00
" Balance carried to new account	1,184 75
	<u>\$23,411 01</u>

EXHIBIT D.

City Poor Fund.

For amount paid St. Mary's hospital for care of sick poor as follows, for March, 1854,	Dr.	\$65 14
" " " " April "		64 29
" " " " May, "		72 00
" " " " June, "		63 45
" " " " July, "		96 51
" " " " August, "		122 47
" " " " September, "		131 98
" " " " October, "		112 29
" " " " November, "		188 85
" " " " December, "		323 07
" " " " January, 1855,		253 78
" " " " February, "		412 37
Am't Expended by Director of Poor, March, 1854,		137 44
" " " " April, "		102 25
" " " " May, "		96 43
" " " " June, "		140 75
" " " " July, "		132 25
" " " " August, "		162 40
" " " " Septem., "		149 30
" " " " October, "		246 21
" " " " Novem., "		428 80
" " " " Decembr., "		760 64
" " " " Jan., 1855,		1,285 88
" " " " February, "		925 00
" " " " City Sexton for burial of paupers,		3 00
For vaccinating pauper children,		500 00
For salary of Director of the Poor,		500 00
" " " " City Physician,		500 00
		<u>\$7,569 65</u>
Receipts.	Cr.	
By tax of 1854,	5,300 00	
balance to new account,	2,269 03	
	<u>\$7,569 03</u>	

EXHIBIT E.

Fire Department Fund.

To balance reported March 14, 1854,	Dr.	\$712 84
To repairs on engine houses,		511 45
To " " Fire engines,		779 33
To " " Reservoirs,		64 40
To " " Platforms, bridges, &c.,		33 50
To making fires in engine houses,		84 00
To ringing fire alarms,		54 00
To torches,		18 25
To wood and sawing,		310 56
To night fire watch,		484 00
To hydrants for engine houses,		31 67
To watching fires,		55 50
To repairing fire alarm bell,		8 00
To advertising,		6 75
To Insurance,		59 20
To supplies and fixtures to engine houses,		345 82
To salary of Chief Engineer to April 12, 1854,		300 00
To " " " " March 12, 1855,		458 36
To " " Asst. " " for 1854,		100 00
To new engine No. 8,		800 00
To " " hose,		855 53
To freight and charges on both,		36 10
To repairing hose and hose cart,		142 13
To stoves, pipe, &c., for engine houses,		36 47
To sewer drains,		48 82
To gas for engine No. 2,		10 04
To reclaiming suction \$3 00. Thawing hydrants \$23 75,		26 75
To suction hose \$36 00. Use of Omnibus for Council, \$4 00,		40 00
To building 4 Reservoirs,		340 00
To cleaning chimneys, stoves and pipe,		11 50
To cartage and express charges,		4 00
To balance carried to new account,		575 03
		<u>\$7,192 00</u>
Receipts.	Cr.	
By old house sold to John Ladue,	\$28 00	
By " " " Water Commissioners	139 50	
By " " " " "	64 50	
By tax of 1854,	6,900 00	
	<u>\$7,192 00</u>	

EXHIBIT F.

Mayor's Court Fund.

To balance reported March 14, 1854,	Dr.	\$441 80
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EXHIBIT G.

Street Lamp Fund.

To repairs of street lamps,	Dr.	\$ 72 01
To labor and fixtures for setting out lamp posts,		341 13

To 43 lamp posts, (cast iron) each \$15,	645 00
To 5 " " (wrought iron) for docks, each \$14	70 00
To gas lamps, pattern and charges,	239 30
To balance carried to new account,	1,897 32
	<u>\$3,264 76</u>
<i>Receipts.</i>	
By balance reported March 14, 1854,	Cr. \$234 76
By amount received from A. Burrill for breaking lamp post,	30 00
By tax of 1854,	3,000 00
	<u>\$3,264 76</u>

EXHIBIT H.

General Sewer Fund.

To amount transferred to Russell St. sewer fund,	Dr.	\$215 55
To " " for repairing sewers and materials,		272 45
To " " " and rebuilding pools,		99 38
To " " inlets to sewers,		96 85
To " " rebuilding man hole corner Brush and Clinton streets,		9 63
To " " grates and castings,		161 36
To " " pools and drains,		142 30
To " " repairing Holden ditch,		66 00
To " " pump for Street Commissioner,		10 00
To " " pool and pipe corner Miami avenue and J. K. street,		63 80
To " " repairing and rebuilding sewer in alley between Woodward avenue and Bates street, S. of Woodbridge,		378 20
To amount for labor and materials repairing private drain in St. Antoine street, 1852,		6 18
To amount for building and repairing lateral sewers on Brush and Farmer and St. Antoine streets,		199 00
To amount for labor, &c., for cleaning cellar of J. S. & H. H. W., caused by overflow of city drain,		26 13
To amount of delinquent taxes returned uncollected,		12 00
To amount of balance carried to new account,		482 45
		<u>\$2,141 88</u>
Receipts.	Cr.	
By balance reported March 14th, 1854,	\$209 97	
By 1 thimble sold J. S. Wright,	1 64	
By amount received of John King collected on lateral sewer,	37 51	
By amount received of Marshal for assessments for private box drain in alley between Franklin and Woodward bridge sts,	89 26	
By amount delinquent sewer tax of 1853	1 50	
By " " " 1854	1 50	
By tax of 1854,	1,800 80	
	<u>\$2,141 88</u>	

EXHIBIT I.

Russell Street Sewer Fund,

To amount paid Moore & Jackson for extra work allowed by Common Council,	Dr.	\$187 25
To amount paid R. Cogger on contract,		500 00
To " " Jackson & Moore on contract,		140 50
To " " Chas. Jackson, successor to M. & J., on contract,		2,304 83
To amount paid Chas. Jackson for extra work allowed by Council,		57 95
		<u>\$3,290 00</u>
Receipts.	Cr.	
By balance reported March 15th, 1854,	\$2,971 70	
By appropriation from general sewer fund,	215 55	
By balance carried to new account,	63 35	
	<u>\$3,290 00</u>	

EXHIBIT K.

Repairs of 8th Ward Sewer Fund,

To amount paid John King for repairing inlet,	Dr.	\$ 8 29
To " " R. Cogger " "		16 91
To " " of balance carried to new account,		448 83
		<u>\$473 99</u>
By balance reported March, 14, 1854,	Cr.	473 99

EXHIBIT L.

Brush Street Sewer Fund,

By balance reported March 14, 1854,	Cr.	\$231 96
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EXHIBIT M.

Grand Sewer Outlet Fund,

To paid S. Conant, lumber for fencing opening on 1st street in 1852,	Dr.	5 87
To paid R. Cogger repairing outlet,		11 30
To balance carried to new account,		404 06
		<u>420 75</u>
By balance reported March 14, 1854,	Cr.	\$420 75

EXHIBIT N.

Jones Street and Alley Sewer Fund,

To amount paid Thos. Quinlan, contractor,	Dr.	\$706 91
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To " of balance carried to new account,	333 09
By tax of 1854,	Cr. \$1,100 00
	1,100 00

EXHIBIT O.

<i>Rivard Street Sewer Fund,</i>	Dr.
To amount paid Stephen Martin, contractor,	2,614 85
To " " John Boyd for connection to water pipe broken by those employed in digging sewer and allowed by Council,	6 00
To amount paid John Clark and others for removing earth on Rivard street, by order of Council,	169 35
To amount balance carried to new account,	3,274 43
	\$6,064 63
By tax of 1854,	Cr. \$6,000 00
By amount received of John King for earth sold,	64 63
	\$6,064 63

EXHIBIT P.

<i>Gratiot Street Sewer Fund,</i>	Dr.
To amount paid Joseph Granger, contractor,	\$2,026 61
To " of balance carried to new account,	73 39
	\$2,100 00
By tax of 1854,	Cr. 2,100 00

EXHIBIT Q.

<i>Franklin and Orleans Street Sewer Fund,</i>	Dr.
To amount paid Joseph Granger, contractor,	1,526 05
To " " Pontiac Railroad for grates,	15 00
	\$1,541 06
By tax of 1854,	Cr. \$1,500 00
By balance to new account,	41 06
	\$1,541 06

EXHIBIT R.

<i>Park Street Sewer Fund,</i>	Dr.
To amount paid Joseph Granger, contractor,	\$1,323 54
	Cr.
By tax of 1854,	\$1,300 00
By balance to new account,	23 54
	\$1,323 54

EXHIBIT S.

<i>Beaubien Street Sewer Fund,</i>	Dr.
To amount paid Joseph Granger, contractor;	\$1,947 46
To " balance to new account,	152 60
	\$2,100 00
By tax of 1854,	Cr. 2,100 00

EXHIBIT T.

<i>St. Antoine Street Sewer Fund,</i>	Dr.
To amount advanced Chas. Jackson, contractor, for materials by order of Common Council,	\$ 600 00
To balance to new account,	6,900 00
	\$7,400 00
By tax of 1854,	Cr. 7,400 00

EXHIBIT U.

<i>Woodward Avenue Sewer Fund,</i>	Dr.
To amount paid contractor, Joseph Granger,	\$3,423 67
To balance to new account,	176 33
	\$3,600 00
By Tax of 1854,	Cr. \$3,600 00

EXHIBIT V.

<i>Extension of Sewer in Alley between Woodward Avenue and Bates Street Fund,</i>	Cr.
By Tax of 1854,	\$500 00

EXHIBIT W.

<i>Park Improvement Fund,</i>	Dr.
To amount paid D. Kendall, balance due for side-walks,	\$73 49
To amount paid Wm. Knowles, for bridges, connecting walks,	21 26
To amount paid Tretan & Papin for trees planted in Grand Circus	56 87
To amount paid D. Kendall, repairing walks in Grand Circus,	1 36
To amount paid A. Jordan, for plan for Centre Park,	15 00
To amount of balance to new account,	582 02
	\$730 00
By amount received from Treasurer of Grand Circus,	Cr. \$30 00
By amount of Tax of 1854,	700 00
	\$730 00

EXHIBIT X.

<i>Bell Tower and Public Building Fund,</i>	Dr.
To amount paid on account of purchase of Seminary property of the State of Michigan,	\$5,000 00
	Cr.
By Tax of 1854,	\$5,000 00

EXHIBIT AA.

<i>Paving Account,</i>	Dr.
To cash paid Samuel French, contractor,	\$67,311 47
To balance carried to new account,	9 06
	\$67,320 53
By amount collected by assessments on property for expenses of paving	Cr. \$67,320 53

EXHIBIT BB.

<i>Sinking Fund,</i>	Dr.
To paid Bond No. 110, issued Oct. 22d, 1844, for account of Interest Fund, and due April 1, 1854,	\$150 00
To paid Bond No. 111, issued Oct. 22d, 1844, for account of Interest Fund, and due April 1, 1854,	450 00
To paid Bond No. 108, issued September 24, 1844, due May 1st, 1854,	4,860 00
To paid Bond No. 112, issued Oct. 30, 1844, due May 1st, 1854,	984 04
To paid Bond No. 113, issued Feb. 4th, 1845, due May 1st, 1854,	1,575 00
To paid Interest and Commissions,	177 31
To paid Bonds No. 23 24, 25, 26 and 27, issued Oct. 23, 1850, on account of Hydraulic Engine, \$500 each, and due Oct. 28, 1854,	2,500 00
To paid Bond No. 28, on same account, due same date,	561 03
To paid Interest and Commissions,	22 03
	\$11,279 41
By balance reported March 14, 1854,	Cr. \$734 06
By amount received of E. McDonald, on Land Contract,	218 40
By amount received of A. E. Mather, for lots 1, 2 and 3, sub. Berthelet Market, principal and interest,	978 90
By principal and interest on C. O'Flynn and P. Henkel's Land Contracts	686 40
By Tax of 1854,	5,000 00
By interest on deposits in Michigan State Bank,	822 66
By balance carried to new account	2,538 99
	\$11,279 41

EXHIBIT CC.

<i>Interest Fund,</i>	Dr.
To amount of interest paid on Coupons, Bonds and Stock Certificates and reported to the Common Council by City Treasurer,	\$22,726 23
To balance carried to new account	8,188 09
	\$30,913 31
By balance reported March 14, 1854,	Cr. \$7,485 31
By Tax of 1854,	23,393 00
By interest refunded erroneously paid to Schruhardt & Gebhard, N. Y.,	35 00
	\$30,913 31

EXHIBIT DD.

<i>Board of Education,</i>	Dr.
To cash paid H. H. Brown, Treasurer,	\$9,689 30
To amount of Delinquent Taxes of 1854, returned,	207 47
To amount of balance carried to new account,	367 94
	\$10,264 61
By balance reported March 14, 1854,	Cr. \$22 29
By Delinquent Taxes of 1853, collected	58 50
By Delinquent Taxes of 1854, collected,	6 07
By Tax of 1854,	\$10,177 75
	\$10,264 61

EXHIBIT EE.

<i>Redemption Account,</i>	Dr.
To amount refunded to purchasers of lots at Tax Sales	\$65 93
To balance in Treasury carried to new account,	53 18
	\$99 11
By balance reported March 14, 1854,	Cr. \$5 48
By amount received for redemption of lots sold at Tax Sales,	93 63
	\$99 11

EXHIBIT FF.

<i>Unpaid Claims,</i>	Dr.
To amount paid as follows, allowed by Council previous to March 15, 1854.	

Contingent Fund,	\$333 17
Fire Department "	702 32
City Poor "	520 21
General Sewer "	11 91
Havors Court "	59 00
General Road "	99 31
Road District No. 1 "	490 13
Road " 2 "	1 50
Road " 3 "	242 44
Road " 4 "	46 90
Road " 5 "	59 70
Road " 6 "	96 75
Road " 7 "	48 04
To balance unpaid claims to new account	4,105 39
	<u>\$6,806 74</u>

By amount of unpaid claims allowed by Council previous to March 15, 1854,	\$2,819 60
By amount of unpaid claims allowed previous to March 14, 1855, as follows:	
Contingent Fund	\$1,350 40
City Poor	2,303 61
Fire Department	252 82
General Road	51 84
Road District No. 3	10 00
Road District No. 8	8 00
Grand Sewer Outlet	5 37
	<u>\$3,987 14</u>
	<u>\$6,806 74</u>

EXHIBIT GG.

<i>General Road Fund,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
To balance reported March 14, 1854,	\$60 7
To amount paid for paving Campus Martius,	2,123 74
Cross-walks of Campus Martius,	701 04
Extra grading	850 50
Paving in front of University property and on Bates and Larned streets,	892 61
Building cross and side-walks of city property	145 30
Repairing cross and side-walks,	16 04
Grading side-walks,	151 05
Repairing paved streets,	385 63
Filling up streets,	42 25
Extra grading for paving streets,	959 62
Timber and lumber for paving streets,	68 62
Sundry utensils and repairs	46 07
Cast iron gutter plates, and fitting same,	2,495 16
Labor on streets,	381 19
Refunding paving assessment to John Farmer,	21 51
Lime, and distributing same,	224 76
Building and repairing bridges and culverts,	11 68
Advanced D. Kendall on account of building cross and side-walks, and to be replaced by collection of assessments due on assessment rolls, Amount erroneously charged as unpaid claims, and being amount allowed T. Canada and other for labor, and paid,	1,000 00
Balance carried to new account,	18 00
	<u>\$11,124 68</u>
By delinquent taxes of 1849, collected,	Cr. \$13 74
Amount received on assessments for cast iron gutter plates,	1,197 81
Amount received on side and cross-walk assessments,	313 13
Amount of Tax of 1854,	9,600 00
	<u>\$11,124 68</u>

EXHIBIT HH.

<i>Road District No. 1 Fund,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
To balance reported March 14, 1854	469 32
Amount expended for surface drains,	231 35
Cleaning paved streets,	78 79
Repairing walks,	14 49
Lime, and distributing same,	29 50
Labor on streets,	912 49
Amount of Delinquent Taxes of 1854, returned,	12 52
To balance to new account,	214 95
	<u>\$1,963 41</u>
By Delinquent Taxes of 1853, collected,	Cr. \$6 28
By Tax of 1854,	1,957 13
	<u>\$1,963 41</u>

EXHIBIT II.

<i>Road District No. 2 Fund,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
To am't expended for surface drains and grates,	\$36 75
Cleaning paved streets,	400 14
Abating nuisances,	79 00
Labor on streets and materials for bridges,	719 80
Lime distributed,	20 13
Repairing and building walks,	60 62
To amount delinquent tax of 1854 returned,	21 40
To amount of balance carried to new account,	722 07
	<u>\$2,049 91</u>
By balance reported March 14th, 1854,	Cr. \$158 52
Amount collected on account of cleaning paved streets,	11 00
Tax of 1854,	1,880 39
	<u>\$2,049 91</u>

EXHIBIT KK.

<i>Road District No. 3 Fund,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
To balance reported March 14th, 1854,	\$241 09
Amount of labor expended on streets,	214 06
Amount paid for cleaning paved streets,	65 90
Amount paid for labor and materials for crossings,	55 00
Amount paid for labor and material for culverts,	9 62
Amount paid for lime and distributing,	92 87
Amount of delinquent tax of 1854 returned,	32 33
	<u>Cr. \$710 87</u>
By old plank sold,	\$2 00
Delinquent tax of 1853 collected,	18
Tax of 1854,	448 90
Balance carried to new account,	259 79
	<u>\$710 87</u>

EXHIBIT LL.

<i>Road District No. 4 Fund,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
To balance reported March 14, 1854,	\$ 28 09
" Amount expended for labor, &c. on streets,	490 96
" " " " Lime and distributing,	118 87
" " " " Repairing walks,	2 25
" " " " Culverts,	5 83
" " " " Crossings,	6 00
" " " " Cleaning paved streets,	7 00
" " of delinquent tax of 1854 returned,	20 09
	<u>\$679 69</u>

By delinquent taxes of 1853 collected,	Cr. \$ 6 62
By tax of 1854,	567 23
By amount collected on account of expenditure for abating nuisances,	17 74
By balance carried to new account,	68 10
	<u>\$679 69</u>

EXHIBIT MM.

<i>Road District No. 5 Fund,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
To balance reported March 14, 1854,	\$ 7 95
To amount expended for labor on streets,	567 50
" " " " Abating nuisances,	180 27
" " " " Repairing crossings and cleaning grates,	4 50
" " " " Cleaning paved streets,	16 50
" " " " Street crossings,	19 98
" " " " Lime,	11 25
" " " " Repairing walks,	21 13
" Of delinquent tax of 1854 returned,	17 55
" Balance carried to new account,	4 19
	<u>\$900 82</u>

By amount collected on assessments for abating nuisances,	Cr. \$91 40
By delinquent tax of 1853 collected,	1 35
" " of 1854 "	75
By tax of 1854	807 32
	<u>\$900 82</u>

EXHIBIT NN.

<i>Road District No. 6 Fund,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
To balance reported March 14, 1854,	\$ 93 14
To amount expended for labor on streets,	642 76
" " " " Cleaning paved streets,	60 50
" " " " Street crossings,	8 50
" " " " Repairing walks,	17 45
" " " " Culverts,	27 88
" " " " Lime,	18 75
" Of delinquent tax of 1854 returned,	59 31
" Balance carried to new account,	
	<u>\$1,005 65</u>

By delinquent taxes of 1853 collected,	Cr. \$ 13 14
" " of 1854 "	1 17
By amount of tax	981 59
" Collected on account of cleaning paved streets,	9 75
	<u>\$1,005 65</u>

EXHIBIT OO.

<i>Road District No. 7 Fund,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
To balance reported March 14, 1854,	\$ 46 22
To amount of labor expended on streets,	517 67
" " " " for abating nuisances,	48 56
" " " " Street crossings,	4 56
" " " " Repairing walks,	20 80
" " " " Culverts,	5 84
" " " " Lime,	37 13
" of delinquent taxes of 1854 returned,	39 94
	<u>\$720 21</u>

By tax of 1854,	Cr. \$514 67
By delinquent taxes of 1853 collected,	2 67
" " " " 1854 "	1 86
By balance carried to new account,	201 01
	<u>\$720 21</u>

EXHIBIT PP.		Dr.			
Road District No. 8 Fund,					
To amount expended for labor on streets,	\$460 94			part year, under contracts with Samuel French,	
" " " Abating nuisances,	131 00			and for which the property benefited has been	
" " " Repairing crossings,	14 61			assessed to defray the expense, is	\$71,330 73
" " " Planking over gutters				Am't of paving and grading Campus Martius and	
" " " Michigan avenue,	20 00			city property, and paid for by the General	
" " " Box and drain on Fifth				Road Fund, is	4,568 99
" " " street,	37 50			Am't of extra grading for paved streets, and paid	
" " Of delinquent tax of 1854 returned,	14 20			by General Road Fund,	959 62
" " Balance carried to new account,	262 46			Total cost,	\$76,388 33
	\$990 71			Of this amount there has been paid on	
				assessments and paid over to contractor	
				per exhibit, "A.A." to March 14,	
				1855,	\$67,311 47
By balance reported March 14, 1854,	\$ 87 45	Cr.		Amount in treasury March 14, 1855,	9 06
By delinquent taxes of 1853 collected,	3 18			Amount paid by General Road Fund,	5,528 61
" " " " 1854	5 66				\$73,849 14
By tax of 1854,	868 92			Amount due on assessments,	\$4,019 19
By amount collected for cost of drain on					
Fifth street,	37 50				
	\$990 71				

Ledger Balance Sheet, showing condition of the Treasury and of the different Fund Accounts March 14, 1865:

Debit Balances.		Credit Balances.	
City Treasurer,	\$22,803 68	Interest Fund,	\$8,188 09
Sinking Fund,	2,838 99	Board of Education,	367 94
R'd Dis. No. 3 Fund,	259 79	Redemption Acct.,	33 18
" " 4 " "	68 10	Unpaid claims allowed	
" " 7 " "	201 01	previous to March 14,	
Contingent Fund,	1,184 75	1855,	4,105 23
City Poor " "	2,269 03	General Road Fund,	518 92
Mayor's Court " "	441 80	R'd Dist. No. 1	214 95
Russell St. Sewer,"	63 35	" " 2 "	722 07
Park " "	23 64	" " 3 "	4 19
Franklin & Orleans		" " 4 "	69 31
St. Sewer Fund,	41 06	" " 5 "	262 46
		" " 6 "	373 03
		Fire Department "	1,897 32
		Street Lamp "	452 45
		General Sewer "	
		Repairs of 8th	
		Ward Sewer "	448 82
		Brush St Sewer "	231 98
		Grand Sewer Out-	
		let "	404 08
		Paving Account,	9 06
		Park Improvement	
		Fund,	562 02
		Jones St. Sewer Fund,	333 09
		Rivard " "	3,274 43
		Gratiot " "	73 39
		St. Antoine " "	6,900 00
		Beaubien " "	152 60
		Woodward Av.	
		Sewer " "	176 33
		Extension of Sewer in	
		Alley between Wood-	
		ward Avenue & Bates	
		Street Fund,	500 00
	\$30,195 10		\$30,951 10

Trustees of the Sinking Fund,		Cr.
City bonds in hands of Treasurer,		\$26,509 88
Bills receivable, (Land contracts & Mortgages),		8, 357 60
Total,		\$35,197 38
The following amounts upon the above contracts become due as follows:		
Ezekiel McDonald, April 1, 1855,	principal,	\$140 00
	interest,	68 60
		208 60
C. O. Flynn, " "	principal,	\$300 60
	interest,	147 00
		447 00
P. Henkel, " 9, 1855,	principal,	\$140 00
	interest,	68 60
		208 60
John B. Long, Apr'l 7, 1855,	principal,	\$235 00
	interest,	31 63
		266 63

\$1,30 73

DETROIT, March 31, 1885

We, the undersigned, Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the City of Detroit, do hereby certify that we have examined the bonds purchased and deposited with the City Treasurer, and find they amount to the sum of twenty-six thousand five hundred and nine dollars and eighty-eight cents, as stated in the foregoing exhibit. And also the mortgages and land contracts, amounting to the sum of one thousand six hundred and eighty-seven dollars and 88 cents.

ANTHONY DUDGEON, Ch. Com. Ways & Means,
CHARLES PELTIER, City Auditor.

EXHIBIT 88,
Paving Expenditures.
The total cost of paving streets and alleys, &c.,

past year, under contracts with Samuel French, and for which the property benefited has been assessed to defray the expenses, is	\$71,339 72
Am't of paving and grading Campus Martius and city property, and paid for by the General Road Fund, is	4,568 99
Am't of extra grading for paved streets, and paid by General Road Fund,	959 62
Total cost,	\$76,868 33
Of this amount there has been paid on assessments and paid over to contractor as per exhibit, "A A," to March 14, 1885,	\$67,311 47
Amount in treasury March 14, 1885,	9 06
Amount paid by General Road Fund,	5,528 61
	\$72,849 14
Amount due on assessments,	\$4,019 19

EXHIBIT 77.

Statements of Taxes Assessed, Collected and Returned for the year 1884.

	High- way Tax.	Sewer Tax.	School Tax.	City Tax.	Total.	Total Collected
1st Ward,	\$1,978 80	\$76 50	\$2,338 65	\$23,643 91	\$25,357 86	\$28,078 65
2nd "	1,883 56	465 00	3,182 36	31,277 84	35,812 65	36,424 65
3rd "	454 20	424 50	9,117 70	9,117 66	10,972 76	10,409 75
4th "	81 00	81 00	7,811 13	9,236 62	8,637 54	8,637 54
5th "	812 17	229 50	7,244 83	7,267 39	9,033 89	8,570 21
6th "	992 82	171 00	900 33	9,004 50	11,088 65	10,347 82
7th "	616 41	106 50	7,005 00	7,005 60	8,583 16	7,389 12
8th "	889 17	91 50	702 56	7,022 28	8,615 53	8,028 15
Deduct erroneous tax...	\$3,120 76	\$1,954 50	\$10,223 34	\$102,307 31	\$122,665 91	\$119,345 86
	84 61	154 00	45 50	455 65	739 56	
Deduct amount of delin- quent taxes returned,	\$3,666 15	\$1,300 50	\$10,177 75	\$101,561 66	\$121,866 06	
	216 01	12 00	307 47	2,084 72	2,520 20	
Collected,	\$7,550 14	\$1,788 50	\$9,970 28	\$99,766 94	\$119,345 86	

The erroneous tax in the above statement resulted from the assessment of the same lots twice, and even three times, and from assessing lots not liable for highway taxes, being situated on paved streets; also, by assessing sewer taxes to persons not liable for the same. In the 4th ward an error was made in copying from the Assessment roll set down at \$21,000 and making it \$21,000.00, upon which the erroneous taxes were assessed. The amount of this error is included in the amount of the erroneous tax.

The delinquent tax in the above statement includes a portion of the supposed fraudulent taxes, which are to be investigated by a Committee of the Common Council, and if it shall appear there was fraud committed, there will be no return made for the same. The amount of the taxes reported, of whatever amount the Committee shall determine to be fraudulently assessed. The amount of delinquent taxes of 1854 paid since the return was made is \$75 80, and has been credited to the different accounts.

The Sale of Lots for the Delinquent Taxes of 1883, was held by the City Treasurer on the 23d day of November, 1884, and the proceeds of which are as follows:

For highway taxes,	\$32 94
For school taxes,	56 87
For sewer taxes,	1 50
For city taxes,	513 77
For charges,	177 23
Total of sale,	\$782 10
Amount bid in by the city is as follows:	
For highway taxes,	\$9 02
For school taxes,	14 35
For city taxes,	136 30
For charges,	47 46
Amount of cash sales,	\$774 47

The Board of Education was credited the whole amount of tax including city bids,	\$36 67
Road funds including city bids,	32 94
General sewer fund,	1 50
Contingent fund,	483 36
	\$574 47

As the lots are redeemed the Contingent Fund will be credited with the amount. The time for redemption is one year from date of sale.

EXHIBIT VV.

Statement Exhibiting how the Tax of 1854 was appropriated.

To the Interest fund	\$23,393 00
" Sinking fund,	5,000 00
" Fire department fund,	6,900 00
" City poor fund,	5,300 00
" General road fund,	9,500 00
" Park improvement fund,	700 00
" Street lamp fund,	2,000 00
" Elward street sewer fund,	6,000 00
" Jones street and alley sewer fund,	1,100 00
" Franklin and Orleans street sewer fund,	1,500 00
" Gratiot street sewer fund,	2,100 00
" Beaubien street sewer fund,	2,100 00
" St. Antoine street sewer fund,	7,400 00
" Woodward avenue sewer fund,	8,400 00
" Park street sewer fund,	1,500 00
" Extension of do. South of Atwater street,	500 00
" General sewer fund with delinquent tax,	1,800 50
" Board of Education "	10,177 75
" Road district No. 1, "	1,957 13
" Road " No. 2, "	1,180 39
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" Road " No. 7, "	514 67
" Road " No. 8, "	858 92
" Contingent fund "	17,358 66
" Public building and bell tower fund,	5,000 00
Total,	\$121,866 06

For table of tax see "Exhibit TT." CHAS. PELTIER, City Auditor.
Detroit, March, 1854.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, May 3, 1854.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:
To Wayne county, C. H. Buhl, John H. Harmon, James Burns, Samuel Lewis, Joseph Campau, Henry Bernard (K. A. Lansing, agent), George W. Howe, James H. Farnsworth, Elton Farnsworth, Wm Phelps C. Co., Wm S. Briggs, James Abbott, James A. Van Dyke, James Williams, John Palmer, C. I. Walker, Angellique Piquette, Doct N. B. Stebbins, Wm F. Moore, Wm B. Wesson, Eustache Chapoton, Doct & beneser Hurd, F. C. H. Buhl, Old F. H. How's Hall and Sarah Davenport, and the owners and occupants of property on Griswold street, from the centre of Larned to the centre of Fort street; on Congress street, from the east curb of Griswold street to the west curb of Woodward avenue, in the city of Detroit and State of Michigan, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expenses of grading, paving and setting the curb stones and crossings in front of or adjacent to certain premises or lots of land owned or occupied by you, respectively, within the limits above mentioned; that assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 15th day of May, A. D. 1855, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Common Council room of said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessment should not be made and collected according to law.

may-4-td RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Detroit, April 12, 1855.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, CITY OF DETROIT, SS:
To Whiting & Adams, Patrick Collins, Joseph Campau, J. Bufum, E. & A. Ives, Heirs of Henry S. Cole, Amos Chaffee, Levi Cook, Charles Piquette, J. S. & A. S. Bagg, Bagg & McLeod, Angellique Piquette, and the owners and occupants of property on Griswold street, between Jefferson avenue and Larned street, in the city of Detroit and State of Michigan, and to all other persons interested:

You are hereby notified that assessments are about to be made upon you to defray the expense of paving in front of or adjacent to certain premises owned or occupied by you, respectively, within the limits above mentioned, and for taking up and relaying pavement at Jefferson avenue and Larned street at the crossings of Griswold street, and for building culverts across Larned street, and that the reports and assessment rolls have been made out in the premises, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, where they will remain open to your inspection until Tuesday, the 24th day of April, A. D. 1855, when and where you may appear before the Common Council, at the Common Council room, in said city, and show cause, if any there be, why the assessments should not be made and collected according to law.

april-13-td RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

PERSONS LIVING OR RESIDING ON PAVED OR PLANKED STREETS, SIDE-WALKS AND ALLEYS, will please take notice of the following sections of an Ordinance passed by the Common Council:

Section 2. All plank or paved streets, side-walks and alleys in the city of Detroit, shall be kept in good repair by the owner or occupant of the house, lot or premises adjoining or fronting on said street, side-walk or alley, and whenever any street, side walk or alley within the limits of said city shall require repairing, it shall be the duty of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Street Commissioner or Marshal, or any or either of them, to notify, verbally, or in writing, or by a printed notice, the owner or occupant of such house, lot, or other premises, adjacent to or fronting on such parts of said street, side-walk or alley needing such repairs, to repair the same forth with; and if the owner or occupant of such property refuse or neglect to repair the same for the space of two days, after being served with such notice, it shall be the duty of the Street Commissioner and Marshal, or either of them, to enter a complaint before the Mayor's Court, against such owner, or occupant, and on conviction before the Mayor's Court, the person so refusing, or neglecting to repair such street, side-walk or alley, shall pay a fine of twenty dollars, in the discretion of the Court, and costs of prosecution, for every time he shall be so convicted.

Section 3. On conviction before the Mayor's Court, as provided in the preceding section, in addition to the fines therein provided, the Common Council may order such street, side-walk or alley to be repaired, and the expense of so doing shall stand as an assessment against the owner of such property, and be collected accordingly.

The above Ordinance will be strictly enforced, and any failures to comply with the requirements of the same, will be promptly complained of to the Mayor's Court.

april-24-1w JOHN KING, Street Commissioner.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend Chapter twenty-eight of the Revised Ordinances of 1845, relative to the Fire Department of the City of Detroit.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR, RECORDER AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DETROIT, in Common Council convened:

Section 1. That Chapter twenty-eight of the Revised Ordinances of the year 1845, is hereby amended by striking out Section twenty-five of said Ordinance, and substituting the following in the place of said Section, which shall stand and read as Section twenty-five in said Chapter:

Section 2. Any member of the Fire Department of the City of Detroit, or other person, who is not a member of said Department, who shall hereafter run, place, or wheel upon any side-walk, or aid or assist in running or placing any Fire-Engine, Hook and Ladder Truck or Hose Company Cart, upon any side-walk adjoining or laying alongside any paved street, or alley, in said city, between the hours of six o'clock A. M. and ten o'clock P. M., at any time when returning from fires, shall, for every such offence, on conviction thereof before the Mayor's Court of said City, be punished by a fine not exceeding five dollars, with costs of prosecution; and if a member of the Fire Department, by suspension or expulsion, of either, at the discretion of said Court.

Section 3. All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, in contravention of this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and dated at Detroit, this first day of May, A. D. 1855. HENRY LEDYARD, Mayor.

[Attest.] RICHARD STARKEY, City Clerk. may-6-td

Proclamation by the Mayor

WHEREAS BY A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, adopted on the 8th instant, the Mayor of the City of Detroit was requested to call a meeting of the Freemen of said City, to take into consideration the propriety of assenting to the levying and collecting Taxes for the year 1855, pursuant to law, for the following purposes, viz:

For the payment of the interest upon the Funded Debt, for the year ending June 30, 1855.
For the purposes of the Sinking Fund,
For the support of Common Schools,
For defraying the expenses of the Fire Department,
For the General and Contingent Fund expenditures,
For the City Poor Fund expenditures,
For the erection of Street Lamps and Fixtures,
For the improvement of the Grand Circus, Centre and West Park.
For the purposes of the General Road Fund,
For the purposes of the Road District Funds,
For the construction of Public Sewers,
For the purchase of a location for an Almshouse,
For the erecting an addition to the City Hall Market,
For the payment of interest on Seminary property.
Now therefore, in compliance with said resolution, the Freemen of the City of Detroit are hereby requested to convene at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 15th day of May, instant, at 3 o'clock P. M., to take into consideration the request and resolution of said Common Council.

HENRY LEDYARD, Mayor.
MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Detroit, May 10th, 1855. may-11-td

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TO THE

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OF THE

CITY OF DETROIT,

FOR

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APPENDIX.

REPORT AND BILL AUTHORIZING COMMISSIONERS OF WATER WORKS TO BORROW MONEY.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the bill reported to your honorable body by the Board of Water Commissioners of Detroit, to be presented to the Legislature at its next session for passage, authorizing said Board of Water Commissioners "to loan money for the purpose of extending and improving the Water Works of said city," beg leave to report that they have considered and examined said bill, and recommend that the Council join with said Board of Commissioners in requesting the Legislature to pass the same at its next session. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. COOK, Recorder.

E. A. LANSING,

WM. BARCLAY,

Aldermen.

DETROIT, Dec. 19, 1854.

A Bill to authorize the Water Commissioners of the City of Detroit to loan money for the purpose of extending and improving the Water Works of said city.

SEC. 1. *The people of the State of Michigan enact :* That the Board of Water Commissioners of the city of Detroit shall have power to loan, upon the best terms they can make, and for such time as they shall deem expedient, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, upon the credit of said city of Detroit, and shall have authority to issue bonds pledging the faith and credit of said city for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds; which bonds shall issue under the seal of said Board of Commissioners, and shall be signed by them, or a majority of them, and bearing interest not exceeding eight per cent. per annum. And it shall be the duty of said Commissioners to cause to be kept an accurate register of all bonds issued by them, showing the number, date, and amount of each bond, and to whom the same was issued; and it shall also be their duty to cause to be furnished to the Auditor of said city a copy of such register, as soon as the same is made, which shall be preserved by said Auditor and copied into the records of said city. And the said sum of money shall be expended by said Commissioners solely for the purpose of extending and improving the Water Works of the city of Detroit.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

REPORT AND BILL RELATIVE TO AMENDING CITY CHARTER.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Detroit :

The two committees appointed by your honorable body, one upon the subject of amendments to the City Charter, and the other relative to an Alms House in said city, beg leave to report, jointly, that they have consulted and co-operated together upon the two subjects above mentioned, inasmuch as both were matters requiring action by the Legislature of the State. They have given both of said subjects much and careful consideration, and have consulted freely with several of the heavy tax payers of the city relative thereto. As the result of their deliberations, the two committees have the honor to report herewith to the Council, *a Bill*, which they recommend be submitted to the Legislature at its next session, with a request from the Council that the same may be passed into a law, by that body, with as little delay as possible.

The provisions contained in this bill, relative to an Alms or Work House, are nearly the same as those approved by the Council two years since, and concurred in by a majority of the citizens of Detroit present at a public meeting, held about that time. This is also the case with several other of the provisions contained in the accompanying bill.

Your committees are fully persuaded that the provisions contained in this bill, relative to the annual charter election, relative to the system of assessments, relative to opening streets, &c., and also the provisions relative to an Alms House, if passed into a law, will operate advantageously for the city in its corporate capacity, as also for citizens individually.

The occurrences of the past few years have fully demonstrated the importance of most, if not all, of the measures, and alterations of the City Charter, proposed in the annexed bill, and your committees believe, that if passed into a law, their operation will be salutary. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. A. COOK, Recorder,

WM. BARCLAY,

E. A. LANSING,

Com. on City Charter.

W. H. CRAIG,

H. H. LEROY,

Com. on Alms House.

DETROIT, Dec. 19, 1854.

A Bill to amend the laws incorporating the city of Detroit, and the several acts amendatory thereto.

SEC. 1. *The people of the State of Michigan enact:* That so much of an act of the Legislature of this State entitled "an act relative to ward elections in the city of Detroit, and for other purposes," approved on the twenty-seventh day of March, 1839, as requires the charter election in said city to be held on the first Monday in March in each year, be, and the same is hereby repealed: *Provided*, that such repeal shall not apply to the charter election for the present year, 1855; and from and after the present year, the charter election in said city shall be held on the first Tuesday in February in each year, and shall be conducted in all respects in conformity with the laws now in force relative to charter elections in

said city. The ward Inspectors of Elections in said city, or a majority thereof, shall, on the Saturday next succeeding each charter election, after the present year, at three o'clock P. M., meet at the Common Council room in said city, and then and there proceed to open and canvass the returns, and declare the result of such election, in the manner heretofore required and prescribed by the laws relative thereto now in force.

SEC. 2. The official terms of the Mayor and Recorder elected at the charter election for the present year, 1855, and also of the Aldermen elected at the charter election for the year 1854, shall expire on the second Tuesday of February, in the year 1856; and the official term of the Aldermen elected at the charter election for the year 1855 shall expire on the second Tuesday in February, 1857; and the official terms of all other officers elected at the charter election for the year 1855 shall expire as soon as their successors, elected or appointed in the year 1856, shall have been qualified for the discharge of their duties.

SEC. 3. The Common Council of the city of Detroit is hereby fully empowered and authorized to appoint an officer to be called a City Collector, who shall hold his office for the term of one year, whose duty it shall be to collect all special assessments that may be levied or imposed by order of the Common Council, from time to time, which officer shall possess all the powers, and be entitled to all the fees and privileges now possessed by the Marshal of said city, relative to the collection of special assessments. Such Collector, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe the usual oath of office, and enter into a bond in such sum as the Council may direct, and with such securities as they may approve.

SEC. 4. Section twenty of an act relative to the city of Detroit, approved April 4th, 1827, and the act amending the same, approved April 13th, 1841, are hereby amended by striking out the word "*either*" in the thirteenth line, and the words "*or otherwise, as they may direct*," in the sixteenth line of said section, and by inserting after the provision relative to the establishing a line for buildings, the words "for numbering the same, and establishing a line beyond which docks and wharves shall not be built or extended into the Detroit River," so that said section shall read as follows:—

SEC. 20. That said Common Council shall have full power and authority to appoint street commissioners or other officers, to superintend and direct the making, paving, repairing or opening of all streets, lanes, alleys, sidewalks, highways or bridges within said city, with such powers as may be necessary for levelling and graduating the same; for establishing the line thereof, upon which buildings may be erected, and beyond which such buildings shall not extend; for numbering the same, and establishing a line beyond which docks and wharves shall not be built or extended into the Detroit River, within the limits of said city; and generally to do and perform, under the by-laws and ordinances, or other directions of the Common Council, whatever may be deemed conducive to the regularity, public health and convenience of said city; and the Common Council shall have full power and authority to provide funds for defraying the expenses of such paving of streets or sidewalks as may be deemed necessary, by assessment on the owner or occupant of such lot or premises, in front of, or adjacent to, which such streets or sidewalks may be directed to be paved or repaired, and any such assessment hereafter made by authority of the Common Council, shall also be a lien until paid, on such lots or premises

of all streets, lanes, alleys, sidewalks, highways or bridges within said city, with such powers as may be necessary for levelling and graduating the same; for establishing the line thereof, upon which buildings may be erected, and beyond which such buildings shall not extend; for numbering the same, and establishing a line beyond which docks and wharves shall not be built or extended into the Detroit River, within the limits of said city; and generally to do and perform, under the by-laws and ordinances, or other directions of the Common Council, whatever may be deemed conducive to the regularity, public health and convenience of said city; and the Common Council shall have full power and authority to provide funds for defraying the expenses of such paving of streets or sidewalks as may be deemed necessary, by assessment on the owner or occupant of such lot or premises, in front of, or adjacent to, which such streets or sidewalks may be directed to be paved or repaired, and any such assessment hereafter made by authority of the Common Council shall also be a lien, until paid, on such lots or premises in front of which such street or sidewalk may be directed to be paved or repaired; and said assessment shall be collected in the same manner as other assessments or tax made or laid by authority of the Common Council.

SEC. 5. The Common Council shall have full power to employ and appoint watchmen and policemen whenever they deem it requisite, and to prescribe their duties, powers and compensation; and said policemen, when appointed and qualified, shall possess and exercise all powers, and their acts shall have the same virtue, force and effect as the powers and acts of any constable in the County of Wayne. The Council may from time to time, as they may deem requisite, designate the Mayor, Recorder, or any one of the Aldermen, a Police Magistrate, and he shall possess all the jurisdiction and exercise all the powers and authority in criminal cases of a Justice of the Peace, or Police Justice of said city, in addition to the powers heretofore or hereafter given by this or any other act.

SEC. 6. No person shall be eligible to any office in said city, except the offices of scavenger and chimney sweeper, unless he is able to read and write the English language; and if any such person unable to read and write shall hereafter be appointed or elected to any office, it shall be the duty of the Common Council to declare said office vacant, and to appoint some competent citizen to fill and perform the duties of said office.

SEC. 7. Hereafter all fines and other proceeds of the Mayor's Court of said city, when collected, shall be kept as and constitute a separate and distinct fund, to be used for the payment of the officers of said court, and other expenses thereof; and no charge or account, whether the same be for the fee of any officer, or other expenses of said court, shall be paid, save out of said fund: *Provided*, That whenever said fund has accumulated beyond what the Council may deem sufficient for the payment of said fees and expenses, the Common Council may direct the surplus to be appropriated to the purposes of the sinking fund.

SEC. 8. Hereafter no contract for the building of any sewer, the erection of any building, or the performance of any public work, in which the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Freemen of the city of Detroit shall be a party contracting, shall be let to any member of the Council of said city, nor shall any person be eligible to a seat in said Council who shall hold any such contract, unless, prior to the time for such person to be sworn into office, he shall be released

from his contract; and any contract, or agreement, between the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Freemen of the city of Detroit, and any member of the Common Council thereof, or in which any such member shall be interested directly or indirectly for the building of any sewer, erection of any building, or the performance of any public work, hereafter made, shall be absolutely void.

SEC. 9. The official term of the Assessor to be elected in said city at the charter election for the present year, 1855, shall expire on the first Monday of March next thereafter; and at the annual charter election held in said city in the year 1856, and every year thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of each ward in said city one Assessor for each ward, who shall hold his office until the first Monday in March next succeeding his election, or until his successor shall have been duly qualified; and each person elected to the office of Assessor shall take and subscribe the usual oath of office, and enter into a bond in such sum, and with such sureties, as shall be directed or approved by the Common Council: *Provided, however,* That the person elected to the office of Assessor in said city at the charter election for the year 1854, shall be the Assessor of the ward in which he shall reside until the expiration of his present term of office; and no Assessor shall be elected in such ward until the charter election for the year 1857, and the Assessor elected at that election in such ward shall enter upon his duties on the expiration of the term of the Assessor elected in 1854.

SEC. 10. From and after the year 1855, the Assessor of each ward in the city of Detroit shall make the assessments of real and personal property in the ward for which he has been elected Assessor; and no Assessor shall act in any other ward than that for which he has been elected Assessor.

SEC. 11. The annual assessments in the several wards of said city, after the year 1855, shall be made during the month of March in each year; and the Common Council shall cause proper books, or rolls, to be prepared for the use of the Assessors in making their assessments, (one for each ward,) on or before the first day of March in each year.

SEC. 12. The ward Assessor in each ward is hereby fully empowered and authorized to demand of every person owning, or having charge of, any taxable property, as agent, or otherwise, in the ward, a list of such property, with such description as will enable him to assess the same; and he shall have power, and is required, when not satisfied with such list, to examine the party under oath touching the same.

SEC. 13. If any person refuse to furnish a list of his or her property as aforesaid, or to testify under oath concerning property belonging to him or her, or under his or her charge, or to deliver a correct description of his or her property to the Assessor, within ten days after such demand shall have been made, or wilfully omit any such property from the list furnished by him or her, such person shall, upon conviction before the Mayor's Court, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and the costs of prosecution.

SEC. 14. Each Assessor shall make out and complete the entire assessment roll of the ward in which he is elected, without interference from or consultation with the Assessor of any other ward; and after all the Assessors have completed their rolls, and on the first Monday in April in each year, succeeding their election, they shall meet together at the Common Council room in said city, and

organize as a Board of Assessors, for the purpose of hearing complaints of any and all persons against any assessments contained in any of said rolls, and making such corrections or alterations of the assessments, whether of real or personal property, as the majority of the Board shall deem proper. Said Board shall continue in session from day to day for the space of two weeks; and any person considering himself aggrieved may lay the cause of such grievance before the Board of Assessors, either verbally or in writing, and on sufficient cause being shown by the affidavit of such person, or by other evidence, to the satisfaction of said Board, they shall review the assessment complained of, and may alter the same, as to the property of any such person, and the estimated value thereof: *Provided, however,* That the Assessor who has made the particular assessment complained of shall have no voice or vote on the decision to be made by the Board on such assessment, and that a concurrence of a majority of the remaining Assessors shall only be required in any case on the question of altering or reducing any such assessment.

SEC. 15. The Common Council shall, at its next regular session, after the expiration of said two weeks in which the Board of Assessors are to sit, confirm said assessment lists or rolls: *Provided,* That all persons who consider themselves aggrieved by the assessment of their property, and the decision of the Board of Assessors thereon, may, at said session of the Common Council, appeal to said Council. Every appeal shall be in writing, and shall state specifically the grounds of the appeal, and the matter or the thing complained of; and no other matter shall be considered by the Council. While acting upon said appeals, the Assessors may meet with the Council, and make such explanations as may be requisite in each case. The Council shall hear and determine all appeals in a summary way, and correct any errors which they may discover in the assessment rolls, and may place upon such rolls any property not already listed, and may increase or diminish any assessment as they may see fit; after which said rolls shall be fully and finally confirmed.

SEC. 16. The City Clerk shall cause a notice to be published in the official paper of the city, and in one other daily paper published in the city, for two weeks prior to the time for the first meeting of said Board of Assessors, informing tax payers of the time and place of the meeting of said Board, and of the objects for which it will meet, and the length of time it will continue its sessions. Such notices shall continue to be published in said papers, on each publication day thereof, until the expiration of the time for said Board to hold its sessions.

SEC. 17. Said ward assessors shall receive as compensation for their services such sum or sums of money as the Common Council shall prescribe for the time actually employed by them in making their assessments, and while sitting as a Board, payable upon the warrant of the City Auditor.

SEC. 18. So much of the provisions of "an act to amend the charter of the city of Detroit," approved January 30, 1850, as conflicts with the foregoing sections and provisions relative to assessors and assessments, shall be of no force or virtue after the expiration of the present year, 1855, and all laws, or parts of laws, in any way conflicting therewith shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed from and after the present year.

SEC. 19. After the assessment rolls of the city of Detroit for

the present year, 1855, have been made out, according to the provisions of laws now in force, the Assessors of said city shall leave the same at the City Treasurer's office, and shall cause a notice to be published in two of the public newspapers published in said city, (one of which shall be the official paper of the city,) informing the tax payers of the city that the rolls have been made out, and are at the City Treasurer's office, and will remain there for two weeks, for the inspection of all persons interested in the same: and said Assessors shall meet at said Treasurer's office at the hour of 9 o'clock on each day, (except Sundays,) for the two weeks said rolls shall remain in said office, and continue in session as a Board for three hours on each day. All persons aggrieved by any assessment on said rolls may appear before said Board, on any of the days it shall continue in session, and present to the Board such affidavits, certificates or statements as they may deem proper, relative to any assessments on the said rolls; and said Board, or any two members of the same, on being satisfied, by affidavits or otherwise, that any assessments on said rolls are incorrect, unjust, or excessive, may make all such corrections in regard to names of persons or descriptions of property, and may reduce the amount of any assessment, as to them may seem right. The notice contemplated in this section shall be published ten days before the commencement of the two weeks during which the Assessors are to meet, as herein provided for; and any person aggrieved by the final action of the Board of Assessors, upon any matter submitted to them, according to the provisions of this section, may appeal to the Common Council, at its next session after the Assessors have closed their sittings, and the said Council may examine into the matter of the assessments complained of on such appeals, (but in no other cases,) and may make, or cause to be made, such modifications of the same, on the assessment roll, as the majority of the Council may think proper. After the Council has acted upon all cases appealed to that body from the Assessors, the assessment rolls shall be declared fully and finally confirmed, and shall remain as the basis of all taxes to be collected in the city of Detroit until the assessment for the year 1856 has been made.

SEC. 20. The Common Council shall have full power to assess and collect of each individual using or being benefited by any public drain or sewer, as follows, to wit: the sum of one dollar and fifty cents annually for each cellar drained directly or indirectly by a drain, into any public drain or sewer, which assessment shall be taken to include all other drainage of the premises to which said cellar especially belongs; and the sum of fifty cents annually for each lot or subdivision of lot, being without a cellar, drained as aforesaid into any public drain or sewer; and such sums as may be fixed by the Common Council for all establishments requiring an unusual or extraordinary amount of drainage, drained as aforesaid; which sums, when collected, shall constitute the Sewer Fund, and shall be expended exclusively for the repair and construction of sewers.

• SEC. 21. That whenever the Common Council of said city shall deem it necessary to lay out, open, extend, straighten, widen, close, vacate, or in any other manner alter any street, avenue, square, lane, alley, highway, or other public ground, or any water course or bridge, it shall be lawful for said Common Council to cause a notice to be published for four weeks successively, in any newspaper printed in said city, stating the nature of the contemplated improvement; and where private property is to be taken for the same, specifying and de-

ment; and it shall be lawful for the Mayor or Recorder of said city, by a precept under his hand, and the seal of the Mayor's Court of said city, to command the Marshal of said city, to summon and return a jury of twenty-four freeholders of said city, who shall be in no wise interested in the aforesaid questions of damages and recompense, or the apportionment and assessment thereof, as aforesaid, to the Mayor's Court of said city, at the term specified for that purpose in such precept, which shall be the time and place expressed in the aforesaid notice; and that such precept shall be delivered to said Marshal, at least ten days before the return day thereof, who shall by virtue thereof summon and return such jury as aforesaid, twelve of whom shall be chosen by ballot, and constitute the jury for the purposes in said precept specified; and that it shall be the duty of said Marshal, at least six days before the return day of such precept, to serve on the owner or owners of the ground which shall be required as aforesaid for public use, if resident in said city, or the occupant or occupants of such ground, a written or printed copy of the notice to be published as aforesaid directed, to the owner or owners of such ground: And further, that in case the piece or pieces of ground so required, shall be vacant, and the owner or owners thereof shall not reside in said city, or shall be unknown, it shall be a sufficient service of said notice, by said Marshal, to affix the same on some conspicuous part of such vacant premises; and further, that the said jury when balloted for, as aforesaid, in said Mayor's Court, shall be sworn well and truly to inquire whether the public convenience and necessity require the contemplated improvement to be made; and if they find in the affirmative, then to inquire into and assess the damages and recompense, if any, which any person or persons may sustain by reason of the premises; and, where private property is to be taken, to inquire into and assess the damages and recompense, which the owner or owners of the ground, with the appurtenances described and designated in said precept shall be justly entitled to; and in all cases to apportion and assess such damages and recompense upon the owner or owners of all the houses and lots of ground lying within a thousand feet in any direction of the intended improvement, which will be benefited by the public use of such ground required as aforesaid, or by the making of any of said contemplated improvements, as nearly as may be in proportion to the advantages which such owner or owners shall be deemed to acquire; and that said jury shall make and return under their respective hands, into said Mayor's Court, their verdict in the premises, specifying the amount of the damages and recompense, which they shall assess aforesaid, if any, and the person or persons, to whom the same shall be assessed; and also the apportionment thereof, in the manner above directed; and shall also designate and describe the houses and lots included in such apportionment; and that it shall also be the duty of said jury to set forth in said verdict and apportionment, the names of the owners, lessees and occupants, of the houses and lots upon which such damage and recompense, or any part thereof, shall be apportioned and assessed, as far as the same can be ascertained; and that the said verdict shall be returned to said Mayor's Court, at the same or any subsequent term thereof; and on being confirmed by said Court shall be binding and conclusive, as well upon the owner or owners as upon the lessees or occupants mentioned therein, or intended to be affected thereby, his, her, or their heirs, executors, administrators or assignees; and that it shall be lawful for said Common Council upon paying or tendering the amount of the damages so assessed, if any, to the par-

ties respectively entitled thereto, to enter upon and take possession of the ground with the appurtenances as aforesaid, and to convert the same to the public use or uses for which it has been required and assessed; and in any case where private property shall not be taken, but damages shall have been assessed for the proposed improvement in the vacation of streets, public grounds or otherwise, such damages shall be paid or tendered before such improvement shall be consummated.

SEC. 24. That if said panel of jurors shall be exhausted by challenges or otherwise, or if a sufficient number of them should not attend to form a jury, it shall be competent for said Mayor's Court to direct a sufficient number of talismen to be summoned to make up the panel; and it shall be competent for any person who may be affected by said proceedings, to object to any of the said jurors at the time of impanneling the same, for any ground which would be sufficient under the laws of this State to disqualify any person from acting as a juror in a civil cause. And in the event, at any time, that any such jury may not be able to agree, it shall be competent for said Mayor's Court to discharge such jury and to impanel another, which shall be summoned by virtue of a *venire facias*, issuing from said Court, who shall be duly sworn and proceed to discharge the duties aforesaid.

SEC. 25. That a certified copy of the assessment and apportionment of the damages and recompense aforesaid, shall, after having been completed and confirmed, be filed in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Wayne, and to be a lien upon the houses and lots designated in said verdict on which the same has been apportioned and assessed as aforesaid, from the time of such confirmation until the same shall be paid or satisfied.

SEC. 26. Any person whose property is affected by said proceedings, and who is aggrieved thereby, may at any time, before the confirmation thereof, appear in said Mayor's Court and show cause against such confirmation, and if said Court shall, for sufficient reasons, either set aside said proceedings or refuse to confirm the same, then a new jury may be impaneled as aforesaid; but if said Court shall overrule all objections to said proceedings and confirm said verdict, then any person whose property is affected by such proceedings and aggrieved thereby, may appeal to the Circuit Court, for the County of Wayne, by filing a written notice of such appeal, and a specification of the alledged error or errors in said proceedings with the City Clerk, within five days after such confirmation; and it shall be the duty of said Clerk to certify all said proceedings to the ensuing term of said Circuit Court, provided, however, that on such appeal nothing but the regularity of such proceedings shall be inquired into, and that such proposed improvement or alteration, shall in no manner be stayed by such appeal.

SEC. 27. The said Circuit Court on such appeal may affirm or reverse said proceedings, and may assess costs in such manner as they shall deem proper; but no reversal shall be granted for matter of form only; and in case of any error in matter of substance, the erroneous proceeding, and all proceedings subsequent thereto, shall be reversed and set aside; and thereafter said Common Council may proceed from the last regular step to a termination; and the same may be so varied that the proceedings shall have reference only to the rights and interest of the appellant merely.

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SEC. 26. It shall be competent for said Common Council to abandon or discontinue any proceedings under this act at any time before the same shall be confirmed by said Mayor's Court.

SEC. 27. It shall be the duty of said Common Council to cause notice to be given at least five days before such confirmation to every person who shall be assessed for benefits as aforesaid, of the time and place of the application for the confirmation of said verdict, and requiring them to show cause against such confirmation, if any they have; and in the event that the owner of any such property may be a non-resident of said city, or unknown, or such property be vacant, then such notice may be served as is prescribed in the first section of this act; and every such person conceiving himself aggrieved in the premises may appeal to said Circuit Court as aforesaid within thirty days from the confirmation of such apportionment and assessment as aforesaid, in accordance with, and subject to, all the regulations and provisions above made in reference to other appeals.

SEC. 28. All assessments for benefits shall be paid by the parties respectively to the City Treasurer, on confirmation of said verdict, unless an appeal be taken as aforesaid, and in such case such appellant shall pay such assessment as soon as his appeal shall be disposed of by confirmation in said Circuit Court; and in the event that any person or persons so assessed for benefits as aforesaid shall at any time fail or neglect to pay any such assessment, the Common Council shall cause a notice to be published in any newspaper printed in said city, which notice shall be published for five weeks successively, requiring the owner or owners of the houses and lots, or other real estate, with the appurtenances upon which such assessment have been made and apportioned as aforesaid, to pay the Treasurer of said city the amount thereof, with interest from the time of the confirmation, and any costs which shall have accrued, within 60 days from the date of such notice; and that, if default shall be made in such payment, such houses and lots, and other real estate, will be sold at auction at a day and a place to be specified in such notice, for the lowest term of years for which any person shall offer to take the same for the sum apportioned and assessed thereon, with interest and costs; and if, notwithstanding such notice, the owner or owners shall neglect or refuse to pay such apportionment and assessment, with such interest and costs, then it shall be lawful for said Common Council to cause such houses and lots, and other real estate, to be sold at public auction as aforesaid, on the day and at the place in such notice specified for that purpose, and to give a declaration of such sale to the purchaser thereof, under the common seal of said city; and such purchaser, his executors, administrators and assigns, shall and may, by virtue thereof, and of this act, lawfully hold and enjoy the premises so sold for his and their own proper use against the owner or owners thereof, and all claiming under him or them, until his term shall be completed and ended, with full liberty to remove all the buildings and materials at the expiration of the said term which he or they shall have erected thereon.

SEC. 29. That in all cases where any part of said real estate

approved 22d February, 1848, be, and the same are hereby, repealed, saving all rights already accrued under the same, and acts done.

RELATIVE TO AN ALMS AND WORK HOUSE.

SEC. 33. The Common Council are hereby vested with full power and authority to provide by ordinance for the organization, regulation, control and support of an Alms House Department, including therein an alms house proper for the support and relief of the poor of said city, hospitals for the care of the sick, asylums for the insane and blind, nurseries for poor and destitute children, houses for the confinement, correction or punishment of males over 16 and females over 14 years of age, who shall be convicted, before any court of law, of violating any laws of the State of Michigan, or any ordinance of the city of Detroit, for which, under existing laws, or any which may be hereafter enacted, they would be liable to confinement in the city prison, or the jail of Wayne county; houses for the confinement and reformation of males under sixteen and females under fourteen years of age, who shall, under existing laws, or those hereafter enacted, be liable to confinement in the city prison or jail of Wayne county, or in the State penitentiary, when in the discretion of the court, or magistrate giving sentence, the public interests would be subserved thereby; houses wherein vagrants, disorderly persons, and persons guilty of petty offences, may, upon conviction before any court of competent jurisdiction, be confined and compelled to labor in such manner as shall be prescribed by ordinance.

SEC. 34. The Common Council may from time to time, as in their discretion the circumstances may require, levy and collect taxes, in addition to those heretofore authorized by law, upon all the taxable real and personal estate in the city, in the manner and subject to the limitations prescribed in the charter for levying city taxes, for the purchase of lots, the erection of suitable edifices thereon, and the protection, government and support of said Alms House Department, and for the payment of all legitimate and necessary expenses thereof; and shall, from time to time, employ and appoint such and so many officers and assistants as they may deem necessary for the control, management and safety of the different branches of said department.

SEC. 35. Whenever, by the sentence of any court, any person shall be confined in any branch of said department who would, under existing laws, or those hereafter enacted, have been liable to confinement in the State Prison or Penitentiary, all expenses attending the confinement or maintenance of such person shall be paid by the State Treasurer quarter-yearly, on the certificate of the City Auditor that such expenses have been incurred; and whenever any person shall be confined, supported or maintained, in any branch of said department, for whose confinement, support or maintenance, any township in the county of Wayne, or any county in the State of Michigan, would have been liable, all expenses attending such confinement, support or maintenance, shall in like manner be paid quarter-yearly by the treasurer of such township or county, upon the certificate of the City Auditor that such expenses have been incurred.

SEC. 36. Every person confined, supported, maintained or relieved in said department, whose age and health will permit, shall be employed in some useful labor, and the officers in charge thereof shall use their best endeavors to provide for all persons under their care, such labor as on trial shall be found to suit the capacity of the individual. It shall be the duty of the officers to keep and employ separate and apart from each other, the paupers and criminals, and

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SEC. 35. The Mayor, Recorder, or any two Aldermen, or any court or magistrate of competent jurisdiction in the city of Detroit or the county of Wayne, may commit to any branch of said department provided for punishment or reformation, any and all such persons as shall be convicted as vagrants or disorderly persons, or as persons guilty of any offences against any of the laws of this State, punishable by fine or imprisonment in the city prison or the jail of Wayne county, and for whose punishment in the State Prison the laws do not provide. And any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Michigan may, in their discretion, commit any male under sixteen, or any female under fourteen years of age, to the work-house branch of said department, who shall be convicted of any crime punishable by confinement in the State Prison, whenever in their opinion the welfare of the public and the convict will be promoted thereby. The Director of the Poor of the city of Detroit shall commit to the Alms House all paupers who shall apply to him for that purpose, or for whose support or maintenance the laws authorize him to provide. The officers in charge of said department may receive and provide for, or confine, any insane, or blind, or idiotic person, or any male under sixteen, or female under fourteen years of age, who shall be brought to them by the director of the poor, or other proper officer of any township in this State, or by the parent, guardian, or friend of any such person: *Provided*, That such officer, parent, guardian, or friend, shall give ample and satisfactory security for the payment, at least once a month, of all expenses that may be incurred on account of the person so received: and *Provided*, further, That nothing herein contained shall be so

construed as to make any person who may be brought to said department for confinement or maintenance a citizen of Detroit.

SEC. 36. The chief officer of said department shall have full power to indenture and bind out, as apprentices, during their minority, any minor children who may be under their care and control by reason of the provisions of this act, or any other law of this State, in the forms and with the provisions now prescribed by law: *Provided*, That such child shall have been under the care and control of said department for at least three months; and he shall have the same power that is possessed by parents or guardians to cancel such indenture.

SEC. 37. The officers in charge of said department shall have power to transfer any person committed to their care from any one branch to any other branch of said department. It shall be lawful for said officers, and they shall have full power in relation to all persons committed as vagrants, by reason of their being persons who shall have contracted an infectious or other disease, in the practice of drunkenness or debauchery, requiring medical aid to restore them to health; after the same shall have been, under medical treatment, sufficiently cured to be discharged, or to work or labor, in their discretion, to detain such person or persons, and commit them to the work-house branch of said department until, from the proceeds of their work and labor, there shall have been received by said officers, beyond the charge of their support while in said work-house, a sum sufficient to reimburse all the expenses of their charge and care while under medical treatment as aforesaid: *Provided*, That under this section no person shall be so detained in said work-house for a longer period than six months.

SEC. 38. The Common Council shall make all by-laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act, and shall have full power to change, amend, alter, repeal or annul such ordinances, by-laws, rules, and regulations, from time to time, as they in their discretion shall deem requisite.

SEC. 39. The Common Council shall, by committees by them for that purpose duly appointed, visit and inspect said department and all its branches thereof, at least twice each year, and it shall be made the duty of some city officer to visit and inspect every branch of said department once in each week, who shall report to said committee anything which in his opinion shall require the attention of said committee; whereupon it shall be the duty of said committee to visit said department and correct the evil, if in their power, or to report the same to the Common Council for its action.

SEC. 40. That hereafter the office of "City Auditor" shall be called "City Comptroller;" and such officer shall perform such duties as the Common Council shall prescribe by ordinance, in addition to those now required to be performed by law. It shall be competent for the City Comptroller, in the discharge of his duties, whenever he shall deem it necessary or advisable, to administer oaths, and to examine all parties, claimants and witnesses in reference to all claims and demands preferred against the corporation of Detroit, or said Common Council; and any person who shall wilfully swear falsely in regard to any such matter or claim, shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be punished as in other cases of perjury, by the laws of this State. His term of office (on the expiration of the appointment of the present incumbent) shall be reduced to two years; and he shall be subject to removal from office by a majority of all the members elected of said Common Council.

SEC. 41. That section second of the act entitled "an act to amend the charter of the city of Detroit," of the 22d of February, 1848, be amended by adding to the end of said section the following words: "But it shall not be necessary to place on said list the name of any person who is exempted by law from serving as a juror," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: "SEC. 2. The Common Council may at any time, not oftener than once a year, direct the Assessors of the several wards or districts to select from their respective assessment rolls, as last prepared, a list of the names of two hundred persons, who are legally qualified voters and residents of the city of Detroit, and return the same to the Common Council, to serve as jurors in all cases required as aforesaid, which said returns shall be signed by the said Assessors respectively, and filed with the City Clerk; but it shall not be necessary to place on said list of jurors the name of any person who is exempted by law from serving as juror;" and the fourth section of said act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: "And such jury shall attend the session of said Court to which they shall be summoned, until discharged by the Court, and they shall be competent to try all issues and cases pending in said Court, which may be submitted to them;" so that said section when amended shall read as follows: "Whenever a jury shall be required at a sitting of the Mayor's Court, the City Attorney shall notify the Clerk of the same, who shall forthwith, in the presence of the presiding officer of the Court and the Marshal, proceed to draw from said jury box the names of twelve persons who shall serve as such jurors, and the Clerk shall immediately make out a *venire facias*, commanding the City Marshal or any city constable to summon the parties so drawn, to attend the session of said Court, and not depart the same until discharged, under such penalty—not exceeding ten dollars—as the Court may impose; and in case of default in the attendance of such jurors, or in case the number in attendance be reduced by challenge, [the right to which is hereby extended to the parties, as in Circuit Courts,] the said Mayor's Court shall have the power to direct the summoning of talesmen, who shall be subject, in case of default, to the penalty in this section provided; and such jury shall attend the session of said Court to which they shall be summoned, until discharged by the Court; and they shall be competent to try all issues and cases pending in said Court, which may be submitted to them."

SEC. 42. That it shall be the duty of said City Marshal, and of his assistant, if he has any, to pay into the hands of the City Clerk, immediately on receipt of the same, all fines, penalties and costs imposed by said Mayor's Court, who shall forthwith pay over said fines and penalties to the City Treasurer, and to pay the costs to the officers entitled thereto; and said Clerk shall make quarterly reports to said Common Council, of all the cases disposed of in said Court, stating the several fines and penalties imposed, the manner in which the same may have been satisfied, and the sums which he may, from time to time, have paid to said Treasurer as aforesaid.

SEC. 43. That said Common Council, in addition to the powers with which it is already vested, shall have full power and authority to make by-laws and ordinances to restrain swine, sheep, horses, asses, mules, goats, neat cattle and geese, from going at large within the limits of said city, and to provide and maintain one or more sufficient pounds, in which they may be restrained, and to appoint one or more pound-masters, to prescribe their duties and compensation, and the notice to be given, and the final disposition to be made of the

property so impounded ; and said Common Council may also, by by-laws and ordinances, restrain dogs from running at large in said city, and may also, when they deem it expedient, direct such dogs to be killed ; and said Common Council may also make by-laws and ordinances relative to the carrying, keeping and storing of gun-powder within the limits of said city.

SEC. 44. It shall be competent for said Common Council, from time to time, as they may deem it expedient or necessary, to exact new and additional bonds from any city or corporation officer, whether elected or appointed under said city charter or this act, and in such sum or sums as said Council shall prescribe ; and in the event of any such officer failing to give such security, his office may be declared vacant, and said Common Council may proceed to fill such vacancy for the residue of his term.

SEC. 45. That all city officers shall be subject to be removed from office by a vote of the majority of all the members elected of the said Common Council, for such cause as they may deem sufficient. All vacancies shall be filled by said Common Council for the residue of the unexpired term of office.

SEC. 46. That all laws and parts of laws which may contravene any of the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

